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JAIL FOR FARMER WHO WRECKED LOCAL CYCLIST'S PARALYMPIC DREAM

A DRUNKEN farmer who collided with a multi-medal Paralympian cyclist, training for the London Games, has been jailed for 18 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

After the incident on Crack Hill on the A48

near Bridgend, 60-year-old Edward Adams left the scene, returning to his home at Cross Farm, Pentre Meurig and parked his vehicle in a field, hoping police would not spot it.

Adams, who was also banned from driving for five years, had been found guilty at Newport Crown Court of danger-

by
AJ SICLUNA

ous driving.

He had admitted failing to stop after an accident and driving with excess alcohol.

When he was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court last week, Judge Daniel Williams praised the "quiet dignity" of double gold medalist, cyclist Simon Richardson of Porthcawl, who suffered seven fractures and a punctured bowel after being thrown 26 metres.

Mr Richardson was training when Adams drove into the back of his bike in his Peugeot van in August last year.

The court heard that Adams had bad eyesight. He left the scene after Mr Richardson suffered injuries which required surgery and could leave him paralysed.

When Adams got home, he poured himself a glass of whiskey.

He claimed that he was blinded by sunlight and suffered a bout of sneezing before the crash. He also said at his trial that he thought he had hit a sheep.

Said the Judge: "When you got behind the wheel of your van on August 17 last year at 8.45am, you were drunk. Two-and-a-half hours later, you were over twice the legal alcohol limit."

He said he then drove five miles to obtain oil and returned along the A48, a long, straight road.

Going east was Mr Richardson on his bike, training for the London Paralympics. He was wearing bright coloured clothing and visibility

was ideal.

But Adams didn't see him, and drove straight into the back of the cycle, throwing the rider forward.

Another motorist indicated that Adams should stop. He then claimed he had been blinded by sunlight and was distracted by sneezing, but these assertions were untrue, said the Judge.

The Judge said his reaction to the action was telling. He stopped for a short time before leaving the scene, knowing he had caused the accident and had driven into Mr Richardson.

The Judge said that when the police arrived at his farm, he was drinking a glass of whiskey and even denied driving the van that morning.

The Judge said that Mr Richardson's reac-

tion to what happened was nothing less than humbling.

"His reaction was to face the consequences, which you have failed to do."

The court heard that in Beijing, Mr Richardson had won two golds and a silver medal. After the case, outside court, he said: "At times it's hard to cope with it."

Mr Richardson had lit the cauldron in Cardiff at this year's Paralympics, and been awarded the MBE.

He said his main aim now was to focus on the future and the next Paralympics in Rio.

Adams, he said, had never said sorry personally, though he had written him a letter.

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Charity gets busy at show



ABOVE: Julie Potter (second right) and volunteers were raising funds for the Cerys Potter Foundation at the recent Vale Show.

ONE local charity that was busy at the recent Vale Show was the Llancarfan-based Cerys Potter Foundation.

The charity, formed in 2010 after the tragic death of nine-year-old Cerys Potter in a boating accident in Turkey, was in the food hall offering a variety of fruit treats.

Her mother, Julie Potter, told The GEM that it was the charity's second year at the show.

She said: "Cerys loved music and the performing arts and we are raising money to support that area."

She said that the

charity had donated £6,000 to the Cardiff and Vale Music Service, and had also sponsored the Music in the Vale singing competition - and will do so again this year.

She said: "The £6,000 donation would

be paying for instruments and tuition for primary schoolchildren in Cadoxton and in St Joseph's, Dinas Powys.

"Perhaps with this donation we can identify some local children with musical talent."

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LUCY WILL BE SADLY MISSED

I WAS shocked to hear of the recent tragic death of Barry girl Lucy Dickenson and would like to pay tribute to the amazing work she did for charity.

She was inspirational in her work for charities and was totally dedicated to helping people in developing countries.

Lucy saw so much in her life, including murder and unrest, but overcame that to set up a charity to help poverty-

stricken communities.

Her charity went from strength-to-strength in different countries and has programmes to tackle HIV and abuse.

She was a caring person and incredible, and a lot of people, including myself, had a lot of respect for Lucy.

A truly dedicated woman, she was truly inspirational and touched the lives of many and will be sadly missed.

My thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Coun Richard Bertin, Barry.

Memories of a 'round hut'

WITH reference to the letter from Christopher Short, Barry (ex-RAF) last week, I remember a 'round hut' set up in a field at Higher End, St Athan.

It was first occupied by the widow and family of the batman of Bert Minchin, who lived at Ocean House Hotel, The Leys. He brought them there to live and housekeep.

The next occupant was Ginny Howe and family (who gave me the first banana I had ever seen) and eventually lived at Beggar Pond, St Athan.

Doris M Thomas, St Athan

NHS reforms that no-one voted for

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, writes another highly critical article on the Welsh NHS – this time attacking cancer treatment.

The figures are disappointing, but I'm sure they will improve, without the costly and disruptive reforms that are happening in England, and that he wants for Wales.

Problems with these reforms have already started.

The BMA says the NHS is risking patients' health by rationing drugs and operations because of financial pressure.

They fear that patients could be harmed if they are denied treatment – tests are now a realistic concern.

Twenty NHS hospital trusts in the west country are meeting to discuss imposing pay cuts, increasing hours and reducing holiday entitlement for doctors, nurses and other staff, due to

lack of funds from Government.

Queues for beds are up 30 per cent, A & E waiting times up 31 per cent.

Conservatives didn't explain their plans for the NHS before the general election, for fear of losing votes.

Instead, David Cameron said: "No more top down reorganisation of the NHS", knowing full well that if elected he would push through the biggest reorganisation since the NHS was created.

The Conservatives' aim is for the NHS to become a giant profit-driven market. This will mean that service and care will never again be according to need, but to the ability to pay.

Speak to your constituents, Mr Cairns, and ask them what they think of the NHS in Wales and do they want the reforms you are so keen on?

Reforms that nobody voted for.

G Smith, Llantwit Major

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VALE PLANNING: 'COUNCILLORS HAVE TO LOOK AT THE FULL PICTURE'

THERE have been a number of recent appeal cases where the Vale of Glamorgan Council has found it difficult to defend decisions taken by the Planning Committee, and indeed, where costs have been awarded against the council.

Whilst, any decision on an application will rest with members of the Planning Committee, those members have to take full account of all material factors, as provided in reports to com-

mittee when making decisions. On occasions, this makes decisions to refuse planning permission extremely difficult to defend – and, unfortunately, this is sometimes the case, irrespective of the strength of feeling of local communities, especially when national and local policies seek to support particular developments, or where previous planning decisions have already been taken.

The council currently has a programme for development and training

of Planning Committee members, and as Chairman since May, I will be working with officers in developing the future programme.

A key issue to be considered at the earliest opportunity will relate to how the appeal process works, particularly in regard to weighing up all material factors so that we can do our utmost to take decisions which are sound and defensible on appeal.

Coun Fred Johnson
(Chairman of the Planning Committee)

Denied a car disability badge for being truthful!

It was with great interest that I read your recent article on the new Blue Badge parking scheme.

Having had a badge since 2009, I too felt that the system needed updating – but, more to the point, that the policing of it be more aggressive, particularly in Cowbridge.

I was recently amazed to see an officer ask a non-badge motorist parked in the disability bays in the High Street, (who had already been shopping in Tesco) how long she would be – as the person needed to go to the newsgents!

What sort of signal does this give?

Unless offences are met with their respective charges, they will recur indefinitely – as already happens in this location and also the main car parks in the

Vale. My main reason for writing is that when I needed to re-apply for my badge (and I had my doctor's support for this) I was told that I would not have my badge renewed.

I had failed the new strict criteria: namely, I could walk 150metres – the stipulated criteria being 100metres.

There are no provisions for other disabilities. I am 69 and have had two knee replacements, plus a further remedial on one – three in all; a hip replacement; a kidney removed due to cancer; and now an incisional hernia due to that operation.

I am waiting for a consultant's appointment for further treatment – these all within the last four years.

While I find it difficult some days to walk even 50 metres, I have been truthful, unlike some others who have obtained badges by being economical – with the truth, of whom I know several.

The department that issues them cannot, or will not, do anything about it.

My reason for applying for the badge is that, due to my disabilities, I need to open my car

door to its full extent, to enable me to exit and enter the driving or passenger seats.

The normal parking spaces will not allow this but the disabled spaces do!

This affects my basic human right to lead as much of a normal life as possible, going shopping, visits to doctor, trips and, most of all, my regular visits to Velindre for ongoing drug trials and observations.

It is only right that those who have severe difficulties in walking are the main criteria, but there are many, like myself, with other disabilities, who need the simple aid of a Blue Badge, to allow them to try to pursue a near to normal life.

I'm sure that Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, Help the Aged, Mobility Wales, the Disabled Association and any person with a degree of commonsense and fairness, would agree with my sentiments.

Please, I need that badge – it's a real lifeline.

Keith R May
Ystradowen

THANKS TO THE GEM

I WOULD like to express my thanks to The GEM for publicising the open afternoons at Merthyr Dyfan church on Wednesdays in August.

The afternoons were well attended. Many local people

loaned us photographs of family weddings and baptisms to show to visitors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all. Father Robert Parrish, Barry (Rector of Merthyr Dyfan)

'Heroes all – but they need our help...'

THE Paralympics have come home and they look like being the most successful and well-attended Games ever. Our paralympians are quite deservedly getting a world stage for their achievements.

But let's not forget the millions more people with disabilities and those who care for them.

They confront hurdles of a very different kind in their daily lives – hurdles of financial hardship, social isolation, ill health, depression and despair.

In overcoming these obstacles, they are performing their own quiet heroics, day in, day out, with little recognition and even less support.

The sad truth is that even on the occasion of the biggest ever Paralympics, disabled people and carers remain among the most disenfranchised and vulnerable members of society.

I'd like to offer you

GEM winner

THANK you for the lovely alfresco hamper, which I won in a Glamorgan GEM competition. It will be really enjoyed. Thank you again. Mrs Pamela Bevington Bridgend

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
06 Thur	10.21	9.2	22.41	8.7
07 Fri	10.54	8.5	23.14	8.1
08 Sat	11.33	7.9	23.59	7.6
09 Sun			12.27	7.4
10 Mon	01.10	7.2	13.55	7.3
11 Tues	02.56	7.1	15.38	7.6
12 Wed	04.16	7.7	16.41	8.0
13 Thur	05.11	8.2	17.28	8.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Appeal for return of A48 bus shelter

THE VALE-based Assembly Member, Andrew RT Davies, has had a meeting with local residents who are upset that the Vale Council has removed a bus shelter on the A48 opposite the turning for St Hilary.

Mr Davies understands the shelter was removed by the council over two months ago in order to introduce disabled access for the bus route.

However, local residents have since been left without shelter from the elements.

Mr Davies, who suspects the Vale Council has forgotten to replace it, said: "The Vale Council were right to address the very real issue of access to public transport for disabled people, and I welcome all attempts to improve access to services."

"However, it is utterly shocking that they haven't bothered to return the shelter."

"The X2 route is a vital commuter link for residents of St Hilary and, given the dreadfully wet summer that

we have had to date, it is unacceptable to expect passengers to brave the elements in order to take the bus."

Mr Davies added: "It is also somewhat ironic that in attempting to make bus travel appealing to disabled people, they have unwittingly made the experience even less so."

Andrew Loosemore, the Vale's operational manager for highways and engineering, said a shelter was due to be constructed at the bus stop this week and that the delay had been due to manufacturing problems.

Mr Loosemore told The GEM: "A new bus shelter has always been planned for installation at this location following the disabled access works."

"The shelter has been on order for a number of weeks and was due to be fitted today (September 4)."

"Unfortunately, the supplier made some manufacturing errors which need adjustment. It is now hoped that the new shelter will be in place in the next couple of weeks."



Mr Davies is hoping the Vale Council will return a bus shelter on the A48 which was taken away more than two months ago.

TREATS IN GOTHIC SPLENDOUR

MEMBERS of Ystradowen and District WI have enjoyed two days out during August, a spokeswoman reported.

On Monday, August 13, they set off early in the morning to travel to Abbey Cwm Hir near Llandrindod Wells, where they were greeted by the owner Paul Humpherson in the entrance room where the walls were covered with a varied collection of enamel signs.

This was our introduction to his passion for collections. Paul and his wife Victoria bought the Abbey in 1997 and have spent 10 years restoring it to a building of Gothic Victorian splendour.

The Abbey was built in 1884, on the site of a 12th Century Cistercian Abbey. The setting is magnificent, nestling between the hills and overlooking some breathtaking landscapes.

Members began a tour of the 52 rooms and marvelled at the artistic features. There were beautiful surrounds on the Rococo ceilings hand painted by Victoria, and subtle designs painted onto the wallpaper.

Much of the furniture was made in Indonesia, in keeping with the Victorian theme.

They admired huge collections of china displayed in cabinets throughout the house, the beautiful pictures adorning the walls, many painted by a local artist.

The snooker room was impressive, boasting a beautiful table and featuring scenes from the Arthurian legend.

The bedrooms were varied, the larger rooms keeping to the Victorian

theme, but the later rooms in the art deco style. The wardrobes were covered by masses of hat boxes – all shapes and sizes, many of which stored their Christmas decorations.

Christmas is a huge event at Abbey Cwm Hir. The house is closed during October and every room is decorated and all have a Christmas tree. It would be a wonderful place to visit in the pre-Christmas season.

The tour lasted for two hours and we then enjoyed a buffet lunch and, as the rain had finally stopped, were able to stroll around the beautiful gardens.

They finished the visit by exploring the cellars. There is no shortage of alcohol at the Abbey!

The second event was a sponsored walk in aid of Macmillan. Things didn't exactly go to plan as they awoke to very heavy rain. The walk was cancelled but everyone went to president Jan's home for a ploughman's lunch.

It was unanimously agreed to give a donation to support the work of Macmillan cancer care.

The committee stayed behind for a short meeting to finalise plans for the 25th anniversary meeting to be held at the village hall on September 5.

Men at curves!

AS part of recent Breast Cancer fundraising events, Curves women-only fitness suite in Cowbridge opened its doors to men.

Members brought their partners for a workout, followed by

Vale Show a huge success for our agricultural industry

by COUN NICOLA THOMAS

THIS week I have chosen a picture with my chaplain for my year of office, Canon Derek Belcher.

I have chosen this picture after receiving a letter from the parish office to inform me that Holy Cross Church has now raised enough money to purchase the long-needed and wanted grand piano for the church.

I was so delighted to hear the news, and would like to congratulate all involved in fundraising for this project, and look forward to my concert in January, when I might enjoy the fruits of their labour. This is kindly being put on to raise money for Ty Hafan children's hospice by Cowbridge Male Voice Choir and solo guests, to be announced nearer the time.

Another great happening for Cowbridge has been the Vale Agricultural Society's annual show, 'Cowbridge Show' to anyone old enough to remember the days when it took place on the Bear Fields.

I was privileged to have been invited to be vice president of the show this year, as I am told, is traditional for each Mayor of Cowbridge.

What a wonderful show it turned out to be this year. The weather was kind and the stands supported an amazing array of variety, with something for everyone, from food and fashion to arts and crafts, career opportunities, livestock, horses, machinery, gardening, a fairground for the young at heart and a greeting place for clubs and associations (or those with politics at the forefront of their minds).

But most important of all, a fun-filled, exciting and exhilarating family day out, and a



Cowbridge Mayor Nicola Thomas with her chaplain, Canon Derek Belcher.

chance to build on community involvement and community spirit throughout the Vale.

All I spoke to on the day, and since, have agreed what a wonderful day it was, and how good it is to see the show flourishing so. For anyone who was not lucky enough to attend this year, make it a date for next – you will not be sorry.

Of course, the root of the show has always been to promote the local agricultural industry to the rest of the world. What a good job they do, under the direction of their president, this year, Mrs Fiona Martyn, their chairman, Mr Robert Llewellyn, and, of course, their tireless secretary Mrs Nicola Gibson, who pulls the whole affair together year after year.

Well done everyone – yet again, I have been able to write of more positives for Cowbridge.

The story of Clarice Cliff

AT the August meeting of the Cowbridge Friendship Club, members were

enthralled by Margery Paige's talk on the history of Clarice Cliff, from her early beginnings at the age of 13 when she was given a seven-year apprenticeship at the local pottery where her career prospered, designing hundreds of pat-

terns from the elegant to the bizarre.

Margery brought along several items, all designed by Clarice Cliff, for members to see. Time went by so quickly there was just time to give the members their afternoon tea before they all went home to see if they had any Clarice Cliff designs hidden away in the back of cupboards so that perhaps they too could be on Flog It or the Antiques Roadshow.

It is hoped that the members

will spend the September meeting at the Welsh Folk Museum in St Fagans.

We always have a variety of activities at our meetings which are held on the last Thursday of each month – so if you or anyone you know would like to join our Friendship Club, where transport is provided, please ring 01656 668446.

Pat Smith
(Leader)

POETRY COMPETITION

WRITING a poem about Cowbridge could win the author £1,000 in a competition aimed at getting more people to write poetry.

It's free to enter and is open to all UK residents, young or old. Send a poem about life in your own home town or area to 'Local Poem', United Press Ltd, Admail 3735, London, EC1B 1JB, or visit the website: www.unitedpress.co.uk.

The best poem will win £1,000 cash and an individual can send up to three entries, which must be no more than 25 lines and 160 words

each.

"The competition is designed to encourage more people to get involved in writing poetry. Your entry can be about something or someone from your home area," explained a United Press spokesman.

The closing date is December 31 2012.

Llancarfan dinner

THE Llancarfan Society will be holding their annual dinner this year at Llancarfan Community Hall, and will be using professional caterers, but guests are invited to bring their own drinks on Friday September 14 at 7.30pm for 8pm; tickets are £18 per person. Contact Gwyneth Plows on 01446 713533.

Free bootcamp sessions ready for all the Vale!

FORCES FITNESS have just launched bootcamp sessions in Cowbridge at Y Bont Faen Primary School, and are offering a free week of sessions to new members.

The sessions will be held every Monday (6.15pm-7.15pm), Wednesday (6.15pm-7.15pm) and Saturday (8.15am-9.15am).

The aim is to provide fun fitness for everyone that takes part in the bootcamps, for those new to training or an

experienced athlete.

All sessions are conducted outdoors and are instructed by either ex or serving members of the armed forces. Instructors all hold the relevant fitness qualifications.

Forces Fitness also offer a number of other services such as: one-day bootcamps and full board weekend bootcamps.

To find out more, or to book a free week of sessions, visit: www.forcesfitness.co.uk or email: info@forcesfitness.co.uk.

Pippa bows out of the Paralympics

THE Vale's sole Paralympian – Pippa Britton (49), originally from Cowbridge – has bowed out of the women's Compound (open archery) at the round of 16 stage.

It was a close encounter with Maria Rubio Larrion, but Pippa was just 0.5m away from forcing a shoot-out with her final arrow.

She had been 4-0 up early in the match, but admitted she was disturbed by the wind and lost her concentration.

Farmer is sent to jail

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Earlier, defence counsel Jeremy Jenkins said: "Adams has a realistic attitude to what the sentence will be. He acknowledges his driving fell well below required standards."

People who knew him, he said, spoke highly of him.

"The shame he has brought on himself and his family lies heavily, and it will continue, especially in a close-knit community such as the Vale. It is unlikely he will drive on a public road again."

"This is a day to be remembered by him and his family."

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'We asked for a trim... BUT THEN LOCAL TREES GOT SHORT BACK AND SIDES!'

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE residents of a picturesque close in Llantwit Major say they were left 'shocked' after a row of trees was reduced to a hedgerow following work by a contractor hired by the Vale Council.

The work was carried out alongside the house of Mrs Alison Lucas, who contacted The GEM because she was so upset by the change in surroundings.

Mrs Lucas, who lives in Llys Teilo, had been in touch with the Vale Council to trim the top of some sycamores in the bordering alley that was proving a nuisance. "One sycamore's branches were bang-



ABOVE: A row of trees used to run alongside Alison Lucas's house (which you can just see to the left) but in a short time she was left with a hedgerow.

ing against the house. "Another sycamore's branches were right across the garden, and the birds

were pooping where the children play."

Mrs Lucas hoped the upper branches would be trimmed, but what happened turned out to be far more drastic.

"They were cutting trees that were higher than a house down to just four or five feet!"

"They cut down sycamores, hawthorns and a crabapple."

"I was concerned about what was happening to the wildlife and had to rescue a baby wood pigeon whose nest was in the trees - there were cats prowling around."

Mrs Lucas said she understood the work was being carried out on behalf of the Vale Council due to 'safety' concerns, but said the trees were in good health and just needed a trim.

She said she believes that in view of the ruthless nature of the cut, an 'impact assessment' should have been carried out on how it was likely to change the look of the area and the effect on wildlife.

Sue Pattinson, her friend, who lives on the nearby Pentre-Cwrt estate which borders the alley, said she was shocked too.

She said: "We expected lopping, rather than devastation. We've lost the trees and it has now become a hedgerow."

"When trees are cut down, it seems the residents' opinions are not sought."

HEDGE LINE
The council told The GEM it had followed all the statutory requirements in delivering the work.

Phil Beaman, the operational manager for parks and grounds

maintenance at the Vale Council, commented: "The old lane to Frampton that was incorporated into the housing development was surrounded by agricultural hedges."

"These have now grown, and where residents request, the trees are trimmed back."

"Trees are then cut back to the original hedge line at the site."

"In the case of Llys Teilo, the resident had contacted the council to request that the trees be cut back."

"We duly responded to this request, and carried out the tree cutting in line with parks' policy."

"The Parks Division took the appropriate action to ensure that all statutory requirements were met whilst undertaking the works," he added.

Llanharri food Co-op now at local church hall

A FOOD Co-op is a simple system through which people can access affordable, quality fresh fruit, vegetables and salad on a weekly basis at a local community venue.

A spokesman for Llanharri Parish Church explained: "Each fresh produce bag costs £2.50. Run by volunteers on a not-for-profit basis, customers order and pay in advance before picking up their produce the following week."

"Llanharri Food Co-op is open every Friday from 1pm-2pm in St

THE 17th Flower Festival was held in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major and St James', Wick, over the August bank holiday weekend.

A magnificent exhibition of the art of flower arranging coupled with some highly imaginative ideas greeted visitors to the churches.

The theme was, not unnaturally, 'The Diamond Jubilee' and many of the offerings were a great credit to their creators.

Some 35 displays were carefully arranged around St Illtud's, each celebrating in its own way the Diamond Jubilee.

One visitor wrote as follows: "What a delight it was to stroll around the church and look at the wonderful flowers on display, every niche and windowsill brought to life by the glowing colours."

"Which ones linger in my memory? Foremost the Llantwit Major WI, outstanding in its simplicity, reminding us that the Queen's long reign began with moments of great sadness in the setting of the African jungle."

"Secondly, the Sunday school cupcake stand arousing the tastebuds, and thirdly, the arrangement showing the Royal National Lifeboats' work, cleverly demonstrating the perils of the sea."

"The flower festival brings pleasure to the many visitors to our magnificent church."

The pick of the offerings at St James', Wick were a display of the Jubilee Regatta, several displays depicting the fire at Windsor Castle and what turned out to be a particularly poignant display from the Mother's Union.



ABOVE: The Jubilee Regatta (Wick).



ABOVE: Exploits in space (Wick).



The Perils of the Sea from the RNLI.

Commemorating man's exploits in space during the Queen's reign - this appeared on the weekend when Neil Armstrong sadly passed away.

The photos show these displays, but, of course, everyone will have their own favourites.

The festival included a farewell concert by Cantorion Illtud on Saturday; Songs of Praise on Sunday and was rounded off with a celebratory service in Wick on Monday.

The festival raised £1,650 with the Cantorion Concert adding another £575 to church funds.

Well done Daphne, Jude, Kay and Keith for the hard work in organising it all. Very worthwhile.

EILEEN TOMKINSON
(See story below)

Cantorion goes out in style with 'a packed church'



The whole choir with Keith Young (director) on the extreme left, Charlotte Ellett (soloist) centre, Lynne Brown (accompanist) extreme right.

IN 1981, the two leading music impresarios in Llantwit Major agreed on a job-share.

Ian Knight became conductor of the St Illtud's choir and Keith Young took over the baton of the recently-formed Cantorion Illtud.

For 30 years, Cantorion have entertained audiences and congregations in many parts of south east Wales, in cathedrals (well, in Llandaff), churches and halls. They have taken their music across the continent, from St Pol de Leon cathedral and Lanildut (Llantwit or Llanilltud) in Brittany, to sharing a stage with Chorale de Gieres in Grenoble.

In this time they have raised thousands of pounds for good causes, especially the church, but they would be the first to admit that their staff have been of immense help, carrying out the mundane tasks of preparing and serving meals, pouring out drinks, washing up, giving out programmes, navigating coaches, occasionally reading and reciting as a break from music - the 'Big Society' on a small scale. All backed, of course, by the battle-hardened Chirs.

However, time catches up with everyone and on the Saturday of the Flower Festival, Cantorion went out in style before a packed church, with their usual medley of spirituals, John Rutter,

songs from the shows and religious themes in Cesar Franck's *Panic Angelicus* and Charles Wood's *Nunc Dimittis*.

Jenny and Anna Morgan (now with the BBC chorale), the charming mother and daughter act, delighted us with Vivaldi's *Laudamus to Gloria* before Roy Coles reverted to west country style with his two folk songs.

As usual, Lyn Brown accompanied in her most subtle style.

The principal guest was Llantwit-born Charlotte Ellett, whose choice of solos illustrated perfectly the range and quality of her voice. She sang arias from *Don Giovanni* and *La Boheme*, the latter from the role of Musetta, which she has sung recently with the Welsh National Opera.

These contrasted with *Vilja from The Merry Widow* and *I Could Have Danced All Night from My Fair Lady*, leaving feet tapping and smiles broadening.

The show ended in traditional Cantorion style with *Eli Jenkins' Prayer from Under Milk Wood*, but before that the choir signed off with one of its most popular items, a medley from *Les Miserables*.

It finishes off with the phrase 'and tomorrow comes'. So it will, but it will not quite be the same.

VIV KELLY

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL
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Llangan Lion
A FASCINATING local detail has emerged during research for a book to be published in 2014, to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

Just over 130 years ago in 1891, Noel Humphreys was born in The Rectory, Llangan, one of six children to Rev Henry and Mrs Humphreys. Noel became a highly-talented rugby player and was picked to play for the British and Irish Lions in 1910 in South Africa at outside half.

Rev Humphreys moved to Cheshire and Noel continued to play in England, but never played for Wales. He fought in the war and was awarded the Military Cross.

Sadly, like too many young men, he was killed on March 27, 1918 and is commemorated in Etaples Cemetery.

Eisteddfod choir

AT this year's Eisteddfod in Llandow, the chair was donated by Ruth and Gareth Williams of Great House, Treoes.

The subject was *Llanw* - the tide and the chair reflected the theme in its design and craftsmanship by Andrew Lane of Monmouth.

The chair is made of ash from the Wye Valley

and, according to Andrew, ash is a pliable wood which allows for interpretation and subtlety of movement.

As in poetry, connecting lines come together to form a whole piece, whether it is written or crafted.

(My thanks to Mrs Liz Richards for the information in this report).

Planning
I WAS rather surprised to hear an application has been submitted for the erection of 40 houses on the former Emporium Garden Centre at Fferm Goch, Llangan.

I agree work is needed to restore the area, but the building of some 40 dwellings is surely out of the question?

One can assume there would be at least one child per household, but where will they be educated? Llangan School is full to capacity which means children would have to go to Cowbridge or Pencoed.

Then there is the problem of the traffic on this busy road. There are so many problems to overcome before a decision is made.

Reminder
HARVEST Festival at Saron Chapel, Treoes on Sunday, September 9 at 3pm. Everyone welcome.

St Canna's Church, Llangan - Eucharist at 11.15am.

FUNDRAISER PLANNED AS...

Community shows their support for local mother

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE Barry community is rallying together to raise funds so that a young mother, with an inoperable brain tumour, can take her three children on holiday.

Vikki Roberts and her partner Lee Davies have three young children Caitlyn (9), Alisha (7) and Jack, two and half years old, but have suffered a year of anguish after Vikki fell ill in July 2011.

Vikki (27) explained: "I was diagnosed with a brain stem tumour in February of this year, but had been ill for months before that."

"The doctors thought I was depressed, but I wasn't - I'd just passed my driving test and things were looking up."

"I knew there was something wrong, but I didn't think it was as serious as this."

The first symptom Vikki experienced was a numbness in her face - she also experienced terrible itching sensations in her face and head, and she started slurring her speech.

Vikki's mum Melanie, who is helping to care for her, said that after weeks of uncertainty and frustration, a doctor at Llandough realised that there may be a serious cause behind her poor health.

Melanie said: "We went to Llandough where they carried out a battery of tests. The doctor asked her to lift her leg which kept shaking - he knew that wasn't right and sent us straight off to the Heath where the diagnosis was made on February 14."

Vikki said: "They told me I had a brain stem tumour. I've had treatment in Velindre and have completed a six week course in radio therapy."

"They are unable to operate directly on it



Vikki with her mum Melanie who is helping to care for her.

because of its location."

Melanie said: "A biopsy was considered, but that could have left Vikki blind, in a coma or paralysed."

Vikki decided not to go ahead with the biopsy - because of the risk, she could end up in a worse physical state.

She now has to return to hospital once every three months to check on the tumour - the last visit showed the tumour had not got smaller, but had not enlarged either.

The only other treatment that could be considered is chemotherapy.

Naturally, the last 14 months have been a very stressful for the family and Liam O'Leary, the owner of the Glenbrook Inn, and staff members Leigh Land, Tracey Sherlock and Erica Lloyd, have stepped up to the plate by helping to organise a fundraising event on Saturday, September 15.

Liam told THE GEM: "We did hold a fundraiser for Vikki and the family in August which raised £449, but September 15 is our major event for her."

"A number of our suppliers are prepared to donate things and we are hoping to raise £1,000."

Vikki said: "The Glenbrook Inn does a fundraising event each year. Last summer they did one for Help For Heroes. This year they are doing one so we can take the children on a holiday."

"Due to my health, I

haven't been able to do anything with them through the holidays."

The family hope to go to Center Parcs or, if Vikki's health allows, Disneyland, Paris. Melanie will go along too, to supervise the children and make sure Vikki is alright.

The fun day will include a barbecue, a bouncy castle, face painting, raffles, a coconut shy, a cake stall, live music, and karaoke. The entertainment all gets under way at 12noon.

Players start season

THE Llantwit Major Junior FC under-16 B team had a great first half, going ahead against Dinas Powys after Liam Reid scored from a corner.

In the second half, they battled against the wind and struggled with fitness, finally losing 3-1, but overall it was a good performance with limited players available.

Llantwit Major under-13 A had a tough opening to their season with a local derby against Cowbridge, but the boys were well up for the challenge and dominated from the start.

The defence were excellent and worked well together to maintain their clean sheet, with Ben Boyd again outstanding. Bevan Howells scored from a neat set piece, and a quality strike from outside the box by Luke Beattie added to the score.

The under-13 B team had a difficult day away, losing heavily to Cadoxton Imps with only eight players available - including an injured goalkeeper. Well done to Tony's team for showing great spirit. SC

Foodbank is to open at Vale church

by TIM CHAPMAN

A new foodbank is to be opened at a church in Dinas Powys - with volunteers saying demand is higher than ever.

Since its launch in October 2011, organisers say the Vale Foodbank has provided free emergency food parcels to almost 1,600 local people, 630 of them children.

Susan Lloyd-Selby, the Vale Foodbank coordinator, told THE GEM there had been an increase in need as front-line care professionals refer more of their clients.

She explained: "Since April this year we have supported 110 local people who are in employment but on low income and struggling to cope."

"We have also noticed a significant increase in the number of people whose benefit payments have been delayed - in many instances, leaving them with no money to buy food for their children."

"As we want to make it as easy as possible for people to get to a foodbank near them and we are delighted to be opening our next centre in

Dinas Powys, where - like other areas across the Vale at the moment - there is a lot of hidden hunger. It will also be closer for people from Penarth."

The new distribution centre will be at Bethesda Chapel in Dinas Powys. It will be officially launched by the Vale's Assembly Member Jane Hutt at 1.30pm on September 12 and will be open every Wednesday from 1.30pm-2.30pm.

Foodbank vouchers can also be exchanged for food in the Coastlands centre in Barry (open on Mondays 2pm-3pm and Thursdays 4.30pm-6pm).

Mike Grove, a spokesperson for the new Dinas Powys centre, said: "Bethesda has supported the foodbank since it opened, with volunteers and donations of food."

"The new centre will allow us to do even more for local people in crisis and we are looking forward to its launch."

Donations of dried and tinned goods are urgently required and can be made at either

centre during opening hours. Volunteers regularly do collections at local supermarkets.

Food is given to people deemed "in crisis" who are identified by front-line care professionals such as health visitors, doctors, social workers, church and community workers.

The foodbank is an initiative of The Trussell Trust, a Christian based organisation, committed to launching life changing, community-based projects.

Local Dinas Powys councillor, Chris Franks, said the food bank demonstrated how much some people were struggling to get bare necessities.

"It is shocking that there is such a need in our community."

"More and more people are surviving on the edge."

"Congratulations to Bethesda Chapel and the Trussell Trust for providing very badly needed practical help."

"When people who are in work find it difficult to survive it shows how serious the situation has become. I fear that the economic circumstances will worsen in the future," Coun Franks added.

Joe the Ram a show stopper!



Byeways 'Perfect Gift' aka Joe the Ram.

A PEDIGREE Poll Dorset Ram from the Kennixton Flock, based in the Vale of Glamorgan, walked away with some of the top prizes for native breed sheep at the Monmouthshire Show.

Byeways 'Perfect Gift' (known at home as Joe) took first place in the class for any other native breed; he then went on to take the title of male champion, before achieving a hat trick by being judged breed champion.

Jane Bissett, Joe's owner, said: "It was like a dream with Joe gaining so many top awards. I know how special he is, but of course I may be a little biased. It was just so fantastic to have him judged against some of the best stock I've seen and to come out on top."

'Joe' is the main breeding ram of the flock and has already passed

his award winning genes to his offspring. This season one of his sons and a daughter (five months old) were also placed at the Monmouthshire Show and a little closer to home, they also gained places at the Vale of Glamorgan Show.

Jane continued: "This has been a wonderful year for the flock. We even managed to get placed with the Dorset fleeces we entered, earlier in the year, at the Royal Bath and West Show and the Royal Welsh Show. We are not a very large flock so I am delighted at the successes we have had."

"Unchanged by his achievements Joe still has that twinkle in his eye as he looks forward to his flock duties which will, hopefully, result in some more award winning lambs in the future," she added.

The Kennixton Flock is owned by Jane Bissett and Derek Frankham.

Warm welcome at club

AS a new club year begins for Maendy YFC, prospective new members, together with current and past members, are invited to Cowbridge RFC on Tuesday, September 11, commencing at 7pm for an evening of 'Speed-Gaming'.

On the evening, members and guests will be able to take part in various games and activities, meet new people, learn what YFC has to offer and find about club trips, competitions and socials for the year ahead.

A club spokesman explained: "In case people wonder, you don't have to be a farmer to be in Young Farmers! "If you are aged between 10 and 26 then come along to meet everyone and have a fun night out. Maendy Young Farmers Club is a vibrant and enthusiastic club with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere."

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact club chairman Tom Rees, e-mail maendy.yfc@gmail.com or telephone 07738 913294. You can also see the website for details; www.maendy.bick.co.uk.

History of St Nicholas remembered in new book

THOUSANDS of years of St Nicholas' history is outlined in a new and invaluable book, 'A Step Back - St Nicholas, a Glamorganshire Parish' by local history expert, Neil Walklate.

Looking as far back as 4,000BC, the author, who lived in the village for more than 20 years, traces the history of the parish and village up to the 20th century, and has also included detailed information about St Nicholas' houses, farms and occupants.

The author said: "I used to live in one of the oldest village cottages in St Nicholas, about which nothing was known. So what started out as a personal interest in one particular cottage and its previous occupants eventually developed into a general inquisitiveness about former villagers and parishioners, the houses they lived in and how they earned a living, often under difficult conditions."

"Hopefully, the reader will be able to conjure up some idea of life

in the parish through the centuries and millennia. Influxes of Romans, Saxons, Vikings, Normans and men and women from the West Country and Ireland, among others, have all contributed in their own different ways to the commuting village."

"What emerged from my continuing research was the lifestyles, which over the centuries have completely vanished. It is a common story reflecting personal industriousness, wealthy benefactors and landowners, the poverty-stricken, self-sufficiency and the effects of the agricultural and industrial revolutions."

The reader will find detailed information about houses and farms, their occupants and family trees of those families who have long parish associations.

Three families - the Earl's, Powell's and Wright's - also provide evidence of local industry and enterprise in a changing world where agriculture was challenged by the industrial revolution as provider of employment.

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Successful Vale Show has the magic formula for keeping the visitors entertained and happy

THE early morning clouds soon disappeared, and it meant that visitors to this year's Vale Show were able to enjoy a great day.

After years of practice, the organisers have a formula that works, and which sends the crowds home happy.

It's very much a case of 'It ain't broke, so don't fix it'!

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ABOVE: The Vale Mayor, Coun Eric Hacker, and the Mayoress, Heather.



Ty Hafan benefits from pharmacy's health 'open day'



ABOVE: Lydia Greenman (manager) with Geoff Back and Lynda Francis of Ty Hafan, and Neal Cadden (regional manager of the Co-operative Pharmacy).

MEMBERS of the local community visited the new-look Co-operative Pharmacy in Llantwit Major for a health and beauty open day recently.

A Co-operative Pharmacy spokeswoman explained: "The branch in Boverton Road has been refurbished to give it a more customer-friendly interior design which means the pharmacy is

brighter and feels more spacious.

"It was officially re-opened by Geoff Back and Lynda Francis from Ty Hafan children's hospice in Sully who also received a donation of £200 from the Co-operative Pharmacy to mark the occasion.

"Visitors on the day enjoyed a free hand, neck or shoulder massage and money off vouchers were also on offer."

CANVASSERS TO UPDATE REGISTER

HOUSEHOLDERS in the Vale will be visited by house-to-house canvassers working to update the electoral register in time for the Police and Crime Commissioner elections on November 15.

The canvassers, working on behalf of the Vale Council, will be calling at properties from Saturday, September 15 to Sunday, September 30, 2012.

Vale council electoral registration officer, Rebecca Light, said: "We'd like to let Vale residents know our canvassers will be soon working in the area, especially as there have been reports of criminals posing as canvassers to steal personal information in other areas of Wales.

"Our canvassers will only ask for the names of people, over the age of 16, who are permanently resident at houses that have not returned the annual canvass form.

"Canvassers may also ask residents for their nationality and maybe date of birth if they are 16 or 17. They will not ask for further personal information such as national insurance numbers.

"If anyone has any concerns about a canvasser, please call the council's contact centre on 01446 700111."

For more information, contact the Vale's electoral registration team on 01446 709570.

Floral Society

THE first meeting of the autumn session will be held at the St Nicholas Hall, Barry on Tuesday, September 11 at 2.15pm.

The demonstrator will be Mrs Pat Llewelyn of Ammanford - the titles: 'Raindrops and Rainbows'. New members are always welcome.

Regeneration has boosted investment

THE Vale Council has issued a report updating councillors on how the £9.8 million of Welsh Government cash aiming at regenerating Barry has been spent so far.

The report, which went before the economy and environment scrutiny committee on Tuesday (September 4) reminded councillors that the original three-year timescale of the project had now been extended to four.

In the first year of the scheme (2010/11), £3 million was spent, with £2.5 million spent the following year (2011/12).

The report says it is anticipated that £1 million will be spent in 2012/13, and then the final £3.3 million in 2013/14.

Councillors were told that spending the regeneration money had attracted further investment in the town.

The report said: "Over £1 million of public realm improvements unlocked a further £1.2 million of investment for the Castleland Renewal Area Housing Facelift Programme in 2011/12.

"Also, more than £1.5 million invested in the Innovation Quarter helped to secure a new £7.5 million, 68 job hotel and restaurant development."

The report also said that more than £400,000 had been spent to improve wellbeing in

disadvantaged areas, and £1.8 million had been spent on upgrading indoor and outdoor leisure facilities.

A key decision of the Partnership Board in moving forward was the use of the remaining funding available in 2013/14 and decisions relating to how the money would be invested.

The report went on to say that the Welsh Government's team was also seeking to make strategic links to maximise the benefits of the nearby St Athan-Cardiff Airport Enterprise Zone.

Also under investigation was the potential for putting a new campus for Cardiff and Vale College on Barry Waterfront.

Councillors were also reminded that, in February 2012, the Welsh Government began a policy review of approaches to regeneration, looking in particular at ways to renew seaside towns and town centres.

As part of this review, the Welsh Government commissioned teams of consultants to evaluate town centres in all the regeneration areas across Wales, and also to examine the issues around seaside resorts.

By now, says the report, councillors and also the Barry Regeneration Board will have been consulted.

The next step is likely to be a period of formal consultation, starting in October. After that, a policy will be announced in February 2013.

It's a tie between the MP and the Quilters



The Vale MP, Alun Cairns, with the quilters.

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, attended Glamorgan Quilters' recent meeting - to support their campaign to create a quilt made only from old ties, to raise money for 'Movember', which supports prostate and testicular cancer initiatives.

The quilters met at the village hall in Ystradowen to start the mammoth task of creating the quilt.

Mr Cairns donated several ties, including one Houses of Parliament tie with House of Commons and Lords' logos, and also a rugby tie from matches between the Houses of Parliament and the National Assembly.

The group are part of The Quilters Guild, dedicated to preserving the heritage and craft of quilting and patchwork. The local charity also support and fundraise for other good causes and

this year the aim is to create and raffie a large quilt made only from ties. The money raised will go towards Movember and Prostate Cymru.

Members will be keeping a journal as a log of how and when the quilt was created. The quilters are aiming to complete the piece in October and some of their work will be exhibited at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital from November to February 2013. The tie quilt will be exhibited

and raffled at the opening event for the exhibition in the autumn.

Mr Cairns said: "Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men in the UK, and I'd urge everyone to support Movember and the Glamorgan Quilters in their fundraising campaign."

Glamorgan Quilters normally meet on the first Saturday of every month at Cowbridge Comprehensive School. Call 07817 137216 for further information.

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Miri Mieri garden looks to the future

TWO years ago Miri Mieri family garden started from a small bramble patch near Llantorian Hall in Llantwit Major, on a sloping site with every hazard imaginable.

Now we are taking a good look at what we have done so far, and how we should move forward.

So far more than 50 families have used the garden, for all ages up to 89.

We have sown and planted a large range of vegetables, herbs and fruit, with more or less success.

We've had 'Apple Day' and open days, and had sessions sowing tree seeds, making bat and bird boxes and feeders, and other fun activities.

Our Marrow-thon raised over £50 for Llantwit First Responders.

We've enhanced the site to encourage wildlife, young and old enjoying close encounters with wild creatures (apart from a few worm-phobic mums!).

We have done this on an almost-zero budget. We made four East-African-style vegetable beds using old tyres, which recycle a waste material, and have been easy to use, costing nothing.

Plants have been donated and swapped, as have the seeds, two compost bins, and other materials.

Unfortunately, we are not permitted to use machinery in the garden, making it impossible to keep the surrounding grass tidy.

The tyre-beds have served their purpose, but we have new plans for them,



aiming for more manageable growing areas. Over the next few months we will make the site more wildlife friendly - hopefully encouraging people to try some ideas at home.

Meanwhile, we are delighted that one of the dads will be installing our water-butts (donated) to get us through the droughts - yes, there have been dry times in 2012!

If you would like to join in, just turn up on Saturdays, 11am-1pm, weather permitting. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. Old clothes recommended. We welcome anyone who can give a hand at other times too. Call 07804 624795 or see <http://transitionllantwit.wordpress.com/miri-mieri/>.

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RAY (70) IS STILL GIVING HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE RECYCLING ROUND RUN FOR THEIR MONEY!



ABOVE: Ray Richards is congratulated on his 70th birthday by his friends in the Vale's recycling department.

HE may have just celebrated his 70th birthday – but Ray Richards clearly has no plans to slow down just yet.

The popular Vale Council recycling crew member spent his special day by working his usual recycling collection round.

Ray has been a council employee for the past six years, working as a 'loader' and is a familiar, friendly face on the council's food waste collection around Dinas, Penarth, Sully and Lavernock.

Colin Smith, the works manager

at the Vale Council, took time out of his busy schedule to meet Ray on his Dinas Powys collection round on his birthday – Monday, September 3.

Colin said: "Ray is a real trooper, is amazingly fit and, I suspect, gives some of his younger colleagues a run for their money!"

"We estimate, on average, our loaders typically walk approximately 30 miles each week.

"Couple this with their energetic job of repetitive lifting and you can see why Ray is affectionately looked on as the 'grandfather' of recycling in the council

depot by some of his colleagues.

"The work our waste management crews undertake can sometimes seem a thankless task.

"The team works tirelessly, collecting all types of waste from residents' homes in most weathers. They have to navigate broken glass, bleach and other nasties.

"At 70, Ray is testament to how experience, strength of character and team work are valued."

For more information on recycling, visit the council's website at valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, email: visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, or telephone: 01446 700111.

Vale Council shares £75,000 national prize

THE Vale and Merthyr Tydfil councils will share a £75,000 prize – after their joint bid in a national competition was awarded second place.

They joined forces to submit their entry to the O2 Future Fund competition, which aims to encourage 'future-thinking' local authority ICT teams to drive improvements within their communities.

Their 'e-community' project, designed to enhance their council's understanding of SME messages with the intention of encouraging local economic growth, was chosen as the runner-up for the O2 Future Fund competition, scooping them a £75,000 grant.

As well as their share of the prize fund, the winning teams will benefit from a package which combines O2 consultancy with access to bespoke O2 services and technology designed to help them turn their projects into reality.

New council recycling DVD is well received on bus at King Square



Locals were able to sit aboard the Vibe bus and ask questions on recycling while watching the new DVD.

A SPECIAL event took place on Friday, August 17 on King Square, Barry, as those involved in promoting the, 'reduce, reuse and recycle' message held a public launch of a short DVD – 'How Green Was My Vale'.

It brought together the Vale Council's waste management and cleansing team, multimedia and creative voluntary organisation 'Vibe Experience', and an exciting local art project: 'Recreate'.

The DVD was screened on board the brightly coloured Vibe bus, allowing passen-

gers to sit down, shelter from the rain and learn more about what goes on behind the scenes with recycling.

Recreate employees offered a scrap workshop where children were invited to be creative – Olympic torches were still a popular choice with the artistic youngsters.

The public also had the opportunity to quiz the council's recycling and enforcement representatives on their recycling trailer, with the first 100 visitors taking home a free blue recycling bag (usually £1 each), a selection of seeds and cigarette 'stubby' pouches to extinguish cigarettes and take them to their

nearest bin.

Cabinet member for the environment and visible services, Coun Rob Curtis, said: "The film was made by Vibe Experience and funded by 'Tidy Towns' Welsh Government funding, and I was delighted to see first hand how well the event was received. Thanks to all involved."

"The recycling team will now endeavour to make the DVD a valuable resource for local schools and community groups, encouraging them to work towards eco status awards."

For more information, or to request a copy, email: visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, or call 01446 700111. To see the film online, visit: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/recycle.

'Don't leave out bin bags on wrong days'

THE Vale Council is launching a crackdown on residents who leave black bin bags out on non-collection days and do not recycle.

Cleansing staff supported by rapid response teams will be assessing refuse problems over the next few months, particularly in areas with multiple occupancy dwellings such as flats, where residents are more likely to suffer waste storage problems between collections.

All reported incidents of black bags being placed out for collection on the wrong day will be investigated and the contents of these bags will be examined.

Where possible, residents will be visited at their homes and asked to explain why they have placed bags out for collection on the incorrect day.

They will be reminded of the recycling services provided by the council, as well as the dates of collections. New recycling boxes and kitchen and kerbside caddies and bags will be issued as necessary.

The council devised the scheme to tackle waste left on streets in

response to concerns raised by residents to this growing problem.

Council Leader Neil Moore said: "We are aware that some residents have storage problems and this issue will have to be considered."

"What is clear, regrettably, is people often neglect to recycle all the items they can. Perhaps through apathy or sometimes a lack of

awareness, they place these items in their black bin bags instead.

"Scavenging animals easily shred black bags and this blights the local area. Clearly, if lockable food caddies were used, this would not be such an on-going problem."

"Evidently this can no longer continue and addressing this problem is one of our administration commitments."

Roadworks report

ROAD closure – Small section of road under railway bridge from Hood Road, Barry, to Broad Street, Barry – from September 17.

Road works – B4265, Llantwit Major bypass.

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Focus on £5,000 target for Velindre Cancer Care

A local optician has launched a fundraising campaign to raise £5,000 for a charity that provides support and treatment to people and families dealing with cancer in Wales.

Specsavers in Adare Street will join forces with fellow Specsavers stores across Wales to raise money for Velindre Cancer Care by hosting a series of fundraising events, culminating in a charity dinner at the Vale Resort on Tuesday, September 25.

The dinner will be hosted by international rugby referee Nigel Owens and will also feature a charity auction of rugby memorabilia courtesy of Specsavers' sponsorship of the RaboDirect PRO12 League.

The evening will also serve as a farewell to Specsavers' Bridgend director Anne Lowndes, who is retiring after more than 21 years.

Money raised will go towards helping

Velindre continue to provide support and care for cancer patients and their families.

Velindre Cancer Centre is the largest non-surgical cancer hospital in Wales, providing radiotherapy, chemotherapy and other specialised anti-cancer treatments for over half the people diagnosed with cancer in Wales.

According to statistics from Cancer Research UK, one in three people will be diagnosed with cancer at some stage in their lives, although more people survive cancer than ever before thanks to early detection and better treatments.

Andrew Morris, head of fundraising at Velindre Cancer Centre, said: "We are absolutely delighted that Specsavers in Bridgend has chosen to support us; these are extremely challenging economic times, and support like this is very welcome. We are extremely grateful to Specsavers, all their

staff and customers for their wonderful efforts."

Anne Simpkin, co-director of Specsavers Bridgend, said: "Unfortunately, it's a sad fact that many of us, at some point in our life, are affected by cancer. Velindre is a fantastic charity that does a tremendous job in providing cancer care and support to people across Wales, and so we were delighted to support them by launching this fundraising initiative.

"I know that the team here are really keen to contribute as much as possible, so that we reach our target of £5,000.

"The charity dinner itself promises to be a fantastic evening as well, with some great guests and prizes, and will be a fitting way not only to round off the fundraising campaign, but also to say thank you to the fantastic contribution Anne has made to eye care in the community here in Bridgend."

NEWS FROM PENARTH AVIATION SOCIETY

JOHN NICHOL'S face first appeared on television looking battered and bruised when, as navigator of an RAF Tornado during the first Gulf War, he was shot down, captured, tortured and made to 'confess' by Saddam Hussein's men.

Since then, he has written books and made several films as a broadcaster, flying in iconic aircraft to interview pilots and crews on real-life missions. Members of Penarth Aviation society will see three of his films at their next meeting on Friday, September 7.

In one, he is flying with the crew of a Dakota DC-3, which has been called 'probably the most famous transport aeroplane in history' to give an insider's view of what it is like to pilot one.

The DC-3 is the civilian version of the C-47 military Dakota which was first flown in 1935. Nearly 2,000 C-47s were sent from the US to the UK under the Lease-Lend programme during

World War Two and they were used in every theatre of the war, especially in Burma and the D-day landings. The DC-3 in which Nichol flies is still a world-standard civilian airliner.

In his second film, he is on a flight over South Africa in an English Electric Lightning, the first jet fighter in the world capable of supersonic speed.

Lightning pilots said flying it was "like being saddled to a sky rocket".

The Lightning was used by the RAF for aerobatics in air shows before being stood down in the 1980s, but three were kept flying in Cape Town.

The third film will show Nichol in a MiG-29, the most famous Russian fighter of the Cold War years, a twin jet-engine fighter capable of 1,455 kph and very manoeuvrable - James Bond would have known all about it!

Penarth Aviation Society meets at the Penarth Conservative Club near the railway station on the first Friday of each month at 7.45pm. Visitors are welcome. Further information from David Ephraim, telephone 01446 721321.

Secretary's 'thank you' to Vale Show supporters

ON behalf of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society, I would like to thank all those who volunteered and helped make this year's Vale Show such a great success.

We were extremely lucky with the weather which meant the crowds flocked in, and the traders on the field had a good day.

Many thanks to all those who attended the show. We hope that they enjoyed their day and learned a little about the agricultural life of the Vale.

We hope Fiona Martyn, our president, enjoyed her day - her energy and enthusiasm on show day was boundless. I am sure she would like me to thank Mrs Mary Thomas (Dros y Mor) for helping and guiding her throughout the show year.

The society is extremely grateful to RWE nPower, Aberthaw for their cooperation in providing the woodchip which was used on some of the tracks on the field. This had to be put down at the last minute as the tracks were getting muddy -

the woodchip makes a huge difference to the event in a wet year.

Hywel Richards and John T Evans must be thanked for hauling our show barriers to and from the show field - and thanks to the great team of stewards that put them all in place.

Our volunteers included Maendy and Wick Young Farmers Clubs on the gates, Nigel Cottle and his team of ex-police officers on traffic management and Jonathan Davies of Peterston, senior trade stand official, plus many others too numerous to mention.

My personal thanks go to David and Pam Harris, Robert Llewellyn and John Hanks, along with my family. They all work tirelessly for the society

and have tremendous enthusiasm for the event.

The show is run entirely by volunteers and I am grateful to them all for the kindness, hard work and support throughout the year.

Once again, many thanks to The GEM newspaper for its continued support throughout the year. Aren't we all lucky to have such an excellent newspaper delivered to us free of charge every week?

The Vale Show will be held on August 21, 2013 again in the wonderful setting of Ffnon Castle grounds. For further information 01446 710099 or go to www.valeofglamorgan-show.co.uk. Nicola Gibson, General secretary

WHAT'S ON - IN BRIEF

Music Festival

COWBRIDGE Music Festival - Souvenir de Florence: An Evening of String Sextets will take place on Friday, September 14 at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge and will perform chamber music by Brahms and Tchaikovsky.

Tickets £12, concession £8, child and student free. On Saturday, September 15 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Cowbridge, Tri i Dye: Journey to the Balkans. This concert is free with donations in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

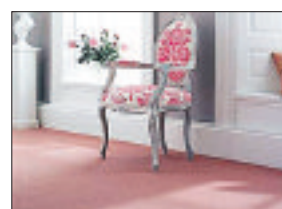
Storylab

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FOAM PARTY FUN FOR FONTYGARY'S F-CLUB!



ABOVE: The F-Club ladies have been hard at work, raising funds for the Macmillan Nurses.

FONTYGARY Leisure Park held its annual 'mad children's foam party' last weekend and, as luck would have it, the sun shone brightly!

The children loved getting covered in foam, and so did many of their parents! It was madcap fun, all in the safety of the beer garden!

Also, the F-Club ladies, led by Lorraine Loveridge, worked tirelessly at their summer fete, raising money for Macmillan Nurses.

Everyone gave generously and they are still counting their takings – every single penny of which goes to



this worthy charity.

Every Friday and Saturday, there is free children's entertainment in the 'Bar on the Bay', and a cabaret every Saturday night – which is open to the public.

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ABOVE: Children enjoying the foam party at Fontygary Leisure Park.

IT has taken a week or two for the news to sink in, but newly-formed local group 'Yr Hen Ysgol' ('The Old School') really did win third prize in the 'Welsh traditional music instrumental group' category at the National Eisteddfod, and any doubts can quickly be dispelled with a look on BBC i-player!

The four musicians (harpist Sue Banks, fiddler Steph Kempley and guitarist John Connolly from Llantwit Major, together with fiddler Sheila Hobbs from Penarth) were originally part of a larger group meeting at The Old School in Llantwit Major to learn traditional Welsh tunes.

The course was organised by 'trac', the folk development organisation for Wales, with the aim of promoting Welsh session music, but with the Eisteddfod on the doorstep, the tutors suggested entering the band competi-

tion, and 'Yr Hen Ysgol' was born.

There followed many hours of choosing, arranging, practising and learning the tunes, before the foursome finally found themselves on the Maes, competing in the preliminary round against well-established folk groups. Having entered for the sheer fun of taking part in an Eisteddfod, the group were astonished, delighted – and just a little scared – to realise they had made it through to the finals.

Later the same day, 'Yr Hen Ysgol' overcame their nerves to perform on the big stage in the pink pavilion, and were thrilled to be awarded third prize!

The four friends enjoy playing a variety of music. Sue, who is taught by local harpist Caroline Greenwood, plays for small weddings and other special events; Sheila plays with the Dinas Powys Orchestra; and Steph, Sheila and John are all members of the local ceilidh band Thingumijigs.

They plan to keep playing together, but have not yet decided

FOURSOME CAN'T BELIEVE IT, BUT... Yr Hen Ysgol *did* win!



Sheila, Sue, Steph and John in their 'Old School' ties!

whether to make the trip north to Denbigh for next year's Eisteddfod!

There are more workshops planned for later this year and anyone interested in learning traditional Welsh folk music can find information on the 'Clara' website: www.sesiwn.com ('Clara' is 'The Society for the Traditional Instruments of Wales').

Meanwhile, look out for Welsh session music springing up at pubs in and around Llantwit Major! SK

Search is on for a Digital Hero

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, is calling for local groups to enter the TalkTalk Digital Heroes Awards 2012, which rewards people who are using technology to help their communities.

The awards, now in their fifth year, have provided funding and support to 49 organisations across Britain, including various charities which have used technology to help children and youth, the homeless and people

with disabilities.

Twelve winners, one from each region of the UK – voted for by the public – will each get £5,000 to enhance their digital projects, with one overall winner getting £10,000.

This year, there will be an additional category for children and young people, with a top prize of £4,000 for their chosen charity and an Apple MacBook Air.

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STAGECOACH STUDENTS COLLECT THEIR AWARDS



Pictured after receiving their award are a small group of the recipients. Matthew Bartlett is far right in the second row.

STAGECOACH Theatre Arts acknowledges long-term attendance and effort with medals and certificates presented at the end of every term, and 67 students were recently presented with an award.

Two students, Matthew Bartlett (16) and Luke Lewis (18) were both rewarded for an exceptional 12 years' attendance.

Students receive a bronze medal after three years, silver medal after four, gold medal for five, continuing upwards with a different award presented for each year of continued training.

Principal Helene Reynolds commented: "The awards mean a lot to each child, and they are right to be proud of their effort and achievements. Luke is a particularly extraordinary student, given the fact that he has Down's Syndrome."

"He always gives 110 per cent, and demonstrates such wonderful energy and enthusiasm for drama, dance and singing."

For information about Stagecoach classes, call Helene/Rob Reynolds on 01446 781454.

A READER'S VIEWPOINT

The politics of personality

THE idea that there are two kinds of British citizens, one lot born to rule and one lot born to be ruled, has been a favourite with Conservative voters for 200 years.

The suggestion of Lib Dems about the House of Lords – democratic voting for all those who wield power in the land – is quite unacceptable to Tories.

While pretending to accept democracy as the only possible justification for political power, they have fought a rear-guard action against it, until recently, when they

discovered a form of democracy which suits them perfectly – celebrity elections.

This exactly fits the politics of Mr David Cameron, as a form of celebrity populism, rather than democracy – that the citizens will vote for some TV soap personality or perhaps Olympic athlete, or Joanna Lumley or Ester Rantzen, to become the appointed mayor of a city, or police commissioner.

This is personality politics taken to a new level, supported by the media, who never discuss the principles of political parties, and rarely even their poli-

cies, but only the personalities.

The Coalition's economic policies are destroying our country, but TV comment is only about 'Osborne's Obstinacy', as if the responsibility was only one man's.

As time advances, we are going backwards to a new form of autocratic feudalism.

CN Westernman, Brynna

Safer Vale and Safer Bridgend launch a 'Rural Watch' project



Officers and staff from Safer Vale, South Wales Police and NFU come together to launch the 'Rural Watch' initiative.

A Rural Watch initiative was officially launched at the Vale Show on Wednesday, August 22.

The initiative looks to reduce opportunities for crime to occur in farm-

ing and rural communities; strengthen community spirit so that everyone works together to protect their property; improve communication between the farming community and the police; encourage people to report suspicious incidents as they occur and enhance information and intelligence sharing between partners.

The services offered through Rural Watch include practical crime prevention advice to farmers and landowners to help ensure their property and goods are as secure as possible.

Information packs containing such advice are being distributed to landowners across the area.

Deborah Gibbs, manager of the Safer Vale partnership, said: "Rural Watch provides a great opportunity for people to come together to look

after their community and to engage with Safer Vale and Safer Bridgend in taking action against those who commit rural crime."

A spokesperson for the National Farmers Union said: "Having witnessed an increase in most forms of rural crime, the initiative is very well received by our farming members and rural insurance clients."

"The information pack, which is available from your local Community Safety Partnership or Bridgend and the Vale NFU office, provides some excellent and highly useful information for landowners."

The Rural Watch information pack is also available for download at: www.safervale.co.uk.



Luke Lewis proudly displays his certificate and award for an outstanding 12 years' attendance.

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Search is on for pageant queens to represent Wales

THE search for 'Miss Cymru International' and 'Miss Teen Cymru International' for 2013 has already begun and local girls are being urged to apply.

The pageant, which is organised by The Joshua Foundation, will take place on January 26 at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion, and contestants will fundraise for the charity, which provides holidays and experiences for children with cancer and their families.

The young ladies who will be crowned Miss Cymru International and Miss Teen Cymru International will then go on to compete at the Miss GB International and Miss GB Teen International final in spring 2013.

The winner will also be joined in the final by the top three contestants, top three fundraisers and top three most popular contestants.

The national director for the competition, Ben Cornelius-Price said: "The competition not only gives these young women a platform to be ambassadors for Wales, but also gives them the opportunity to raise money for The Joshua Foundation. This year, I

am hoping that more fabulous ladies will enter, and enjoy the challenge and experience."

Miss Cymru International is open to young women aged between 19-29 years old across Wales who have never been married or had children. They must be Welsh and should not be a current title holder of any other pageant. Miss Teen Cymru International is open to 16-18 year olds.

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Advice surgery

ELUNED PARROTT, AM for South Wales Central, will be holding two advice surgeries this week. On Friday, September 7, she will be in the cafe area of Asda Pentwyn

Church open

Superstore, 8 Dering Road, Pontprenau, 10am-11am. Later that day, she will be at Morrisons Supermarket, Penny Way, Barry, 1pm-2pm.

Residents who have any issues of concern to them or their local community are encouraged to pop along - no appointment necessary.

Sing Allegro NEW ladies choral group Allegro are recommending rehearsals today, Thursday, September 6, at Albert Road Community Centre, Penarth.

Under their musical director, Ray Dibble, MBE, they have already achieved a high standard of singing. New members welcome.

AM's surgery WELSH Liberal Democrat Assembly Member for South Wales West, Peter Black, will be holding an advice surgery on Friday, September 7 in Pyle Life Centre from 2pm-3pm. No appointment necessary.

The GEM cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions contained in the above.

For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D738.

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● The rollover, which now stands at £6,500, was not won.

● £10: 1 1 9 1 2 2, 570768, 240020, 692691, 683982, 576815, 309844, 740214, 174323, 755728, 344886, 471599, 521469, 257259, 244121, 520992, 318783, 767255, 891660, 174488.

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Catch-Up and Play holds 'open day'

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A spokeswoman explained: "Whether you are looking for somewhere to spend quality time with your child or you need reliable childcare, we offer an affordable service that adults recommend and children enjoy."

"Our creche will be open Tuesday to Friday, 9am-12 noon from September 25."

"We are having an open day on September 18. Come along and meet the staff and have a cuppa and a cake, while the children try out our toys and activities."

For more information, go to: www.catchupandplay.co.uk; www.facebook.com/Catchup.and.Play; www.facebook.com/candpereche; Twitter: @catchupandplay.

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Red Cross advice

AGE Concern Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop has invited a mobility advisor along to give advice on equipment and transport at Salem Baptist Church Hall on September 11 (10am-12 midday).

Fibromyalgia group

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia support group is on Tuesday, September 11, between 11am and 1pm.

Please ring Gaynor Davies for more details on 01446 733315.

Legion meets

THE Royal British Legion's Cowbridge branch will hold social evenings in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge, on September 13, October 11 and November 22.

Doors open at 7pm. Bingo starts at 7.30pm prompt, followed by light refreshments. Free entry.

Parkinson's concert

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir will present a concert at All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth, on September 29 at 7.30pm to mark the 40th anniversary of the Cardiff branch of Parkinson's UK.

It will be the third fundraising event which this choir, under the baton of musical director Shelly Thomas Brown, has given free of charge, to enable organisers to donate more than £3,000 to Parkinson's UK.

Vale artist's London exhibition

WORK by a Vale artist, Peter Cronin, has been selected from more than 500 submissions to appear alongside paintings by some of Britain's leading contemporary marine artists.

The exhibition will be on display at the Mall Galleries near Trafalgar Square for 12 days (October 17-28).

The annual exhibition is organised by the Royal Society of Marine Artists, and features a varied exhibition of marine art in the UK.

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In Business Update

NEW RANGES AT HOME COMFORTS

AFTER the long, wet summer, it's nice to see the new ranges of furniture and accessories coming into Home Comforts Furniture Warehouse.

The solid oak ranges, manufactured from stable American white oak, has all the drawers dovetail jointed and comes complete with traditional solid tongue and grooved backs and bases.

A spokesman explained: "We now have the traditional Cathedral Oak range, our French Toulon Style and the Rustic Priory Oak range to com-

pliment our new warm oak ranges of Jubilee, Coronation and Winchester ranges, all establishing themselves nicely in the market place.

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Artist David Mackie with some of the local schoolchildren involved with the project and their artwork.

LOCAL SCHOOLS HELP DESIGN ART FOR BARRY DEVELOPMENT

SCHOOLS in the Vale have been participating in a special project to help design pieces of public art for Taylor Wimpey's

Golg Y Coed development in Barry.

More than 70 pupils from Barry Comprehensive, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Cadoxton Primary,

Colcot Primary and St Richard Gwyn RC High School took part in the art workshops led by highly acclaimed artist David Mackie.

The children were given the opportunity to create designs and make models for the housing development, with a theme of 'woodland and its wildlife'.

These included designs for Golg Y Coed's entrance gates, railings to the development's playground, sculptural markers and entrance features to the public footpath, which leads through

Pencoedre Wood.

David Mackie said: "It was a real pleasure spending time with the children and seeing their creativity come to life. They created some fantastic designs and have given me a lot of inspiration for the final pieces of public art at Golg Y Coed."

Sara Taylor, regional sales and marketing

director for Taylor Wimpey South Wales, added: "This project has allowed the children to get involved in the design process and make a real contribution to the pieces of public art which will benefit the whole town."

"I want to thank all the pupils who took part in the workshops for all their hard work."

'Pleasure' aircraft should take care

IAGREE wholeheartedly with Kevin Ewington (The GEM, August 16). I take it those aircraft are only 'pleasure flights' or 'training'?

Why can't they do it over the channel or inland over fields? It would be a major disaster if one crash-landed in Barry.
Alex Campbell, Barry

JOSHUA AND TOM HAVE 'CLARITY' ON THEIR CAREERS

ATRAINEE pilot and a rugby player are two apprentices who have opted to join the world of work straight from school, rather than go to university.

The pair have been taken on by leading Bridgend company, Clarity Copiers, as part of an initiative backed by Bridgend College and the Welsh Government.

Joshua Pegg from Porth and Tom Dryden, who lives in Margam, are both enthusiastic about the 'hands on' approach to developing their careers.

The company is based on the Crosby Industrial Estate at Wildmill, Bridgend, and has increased its workforce from just two people in 2008 to ten.

Turnover has increased in the same period from £70,000 to £1.2million.

Service engineer Phil Barrett explained that photocopiers are now very sophisticated machines, usually incor-

porated into a company's computer network. Engineers require a range of transferable skills, from engineering, through IT, to customer relations.

He said: "You're pretty much getting the equivalent of a degree once you are qualified in this job. It can take you into other areas."

"There's a new test which is industry recognised, called 'pro comp-tia', and that's the only industry recognised qualification, so it's not just a manufacturer saying: 'this is how we strip our machines and put them back together', it is a more industry-based test recognised by other manufacturers."

"Sharp is our main brand, and they run all the courses we do."

Phil added that it was important to bring in apprentices and train them in-house.

The company says its reputation is built on good service, a good appearance, and the ability to talk to the customer and to resolve problems.

Customer relations skills are an aspect of

the work the youngsters will be doing during day release at Bridgend College. The apprenticeship means they will qualify after two years.

ALTERNATIVE

For 19-year-old Joshua, who is Welsh speaking, the apprenticeship is a welcome alternative to an expensive three years at university.

He is still able to devote time to his twin passions: training for his private pilot's licence and performing as a percussionist with various ensembles.

He said: "I was in Treorchy Comprehensive and wanted to get a job after leaving school as I am a hands on person. I service photocopiers on site, in the office and install machines. There is also some IT work."

Tom said the range of work was varied and cutting edge.

"The work varies and you get called out to machines in different places, meeting different people. It's a bridge between work and college and I'm looking forward to the day

release at Bridgend college."

Working close to home means he can continue to train with his local Taibach Rugby Club where he plays as a flanker.

Bridgend College's work-based learning manager Matthew Williams said the college is extremely enthusiastic about the initiative.

"Engage Training at Bridgend College is excited at the prospect of adding an IT apprenticeship to our outstanding work-based learning provision from this September."

"Through 'on the job' work-based assessments and 'off the job' college-based classes, apprentices will be equipped with all the industry skills they need to provide value for money for their employers and establish sustained, successful careers in IT."

TRADING STANDARDS TACKLING UNDERAGE DRINKING

TRADING Standards have been tackling underage alcohol sales in the Vale during the summer exam results period to discourage anti-social behaviour among young people.

As part of an initiative with South Wales Police to combat underage drinking, Trading Standards officers visited a number of premises across the Vale with

underage volunteers attempting to purchase alcohol.

A Vale Council spokeswoman said: "Disappointingly, 10 per cent of premises targeted were found to be breaking the law. Sellers of alcohol were issued an £80 Fixed Penalty Notice by officers."

"Anyone with information about off-licences selling alcohol to children are encouraged to phone Trading Standards on 01446 709105."

Amelia Trust Farm weekend

THE Amelia Trust Farm on Five Mile Lane, Barry will hold a harvest festival fundraising weekend on September 15 (11am-4.30pm) and September 16 (12pm-4pm).

There will be activities for children, stalls, craft demonstrations, food, live music and other entertainments. There will be a harvest service on Sunday afternoon at 3pm.

Competition judging (Saturday, 2.30pm); Paddy the Clown (Saturday); The Amelia Trust Scratch Choir (meet at 12pm on Sunday); Dog Show (Sunday 1.30pm); Meirion Owen's Quack Pack (Sunday). Entrance is free but all donations are welcome.

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Joshua Pegg (left), and Tom Dryden.

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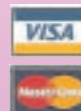
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THE VALE SHOW OFFERS VISITORS AN ARRAY OF TREATS AND SPECTACLES

THE Vale Show at Fonmon Castle on August 22, took advantage of the reasonable weather to provide visitors with an array of exhibits to get their teeth into.

These photographs by GEM reader Heather Match show the varied treats on offer, from the cattle, sheep and horse shows to the various dignitaries present.

There were plenty of horticulture and produce displays, too, with many (naughty) delights available to purchase and devour.



ABOVE: A happy winner.



ABOVE: Mrs Enid Thomas with past show presidents Capt Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards and Mr John Arnott.



ABOVE: Master Jacky Thomas blows the Glamorgan Hounds into the ring.



Show host Sir Brooke Boothby with show president Mrs Fiona Martyn.



The elegant Fonmon Castle stand.



ABOVE:
A winner in the horticultural section.



ABOVE: Young people showed Holstein calves under 12 months old.

ABOVE:
A glass of local wine from Llanbleddian.

Pictures
by
Heather
March



Life member Mr John Arnott with show chairman Mr Rob Llewellyn and show president Mrs Fiona Martyn.

WINNERS OF AWARDS FOR WILDLIFE ANNOUNCED AT THE VALE SHOW

THE winners of the Awards for Wildlife competition were presented with their trophies at the Vale of Glamorgan Show.

CLASS 1: Projects by schools, colleges or other education centres: 1st – Cadoxton Nursery School; 2nd – Bute Cottage Nursery School; 3rd – Cogan Nursery School. Highly commended – All Saints C/W Primary School.

The judge commented: "All entries should be very proud of the nature reserves they have created in their school grounds and the conservation work they have done for local wildlife in the Vale of Glamorgan."

"Many schools visited demonstrated how they have made the very most of their space for wildlife and outdoor learning, whilst other grounds showed great

opportunity and ambition, which is very encouraging.

"It is very rewarding when judging school grounds to see past recommendations being put into practice and so happily adopted by schools and their pupils.

The dedication of staff to create and maintain these wildlife areas is paving the way for a brighter, where wildlife and wildlife habitats is truly appreciated.

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Cadoxton Nursery

"The school stood out this year for the way in which they have utilised all aspects of the school grounds to create habitats for wildlife and opportunities for children to learn about wildlife.

"Wildlife and wildlife habitats on the school

grounds are part of everyday children's activities, which was clearly demonstrated on the day.

Enthusiastic and eager children were able to identify various invertebrates and showed real delight in finding new species and learning about them.

"Important wildlife habitats such as ponds, dense scrub and woodland have been connected to each other by hedgerows and rough grassland areas, which are providing even more habitat and helping invertebrates move around the school grounds more freely and in turn provide food for other wildlife such as hedgehogs and breeding birds.

"Breeding birds and invertebrates will also benefit considerably by the large area of bramble scrub, which is allowed to encroach into the play area from the adjacent land. Often bramble scrub is the first habitat to disappear because it looks too unsightly. Here, bramble is actively encouraged and

used as part of everyday learning and accepted and important habitat.

"As well as natural and created habitats the school has numerous other features, including nest boxes, log piles and bug hotels, which children helped create provide important tools to learning about wildlife.

"Of particular interest has been the creation of the small meadow to the front of the school, where longer grass and other flowering plants have been allowed to flourish and goes to further demonstrate how the school is an excellent example of what can be achieved in a relatively small urban area."

CLASS 2: Projects by voluntary groups or industrial or commercial business, including farms: Winner – Cwmmtalwg Woodlands Residents Association.

"I was very impressed with this magnificent woodland site when I first judged the competition in 2010. I placed the Cwmmtalwg Woodlands

Residents Group first then and I have no hesitation in doing so again in 2012.

"Unfortunately, time was against us once again and it was not possible to visit all three elements of the woods. However, it is still clear that the Cwmmtalwg Woodlands Residents Group (CWRG) has put both community utility and wildlife at the very heart of their activities.

"Community involvement and engagement within the woodland reserve is evident and was perfectly illustrated by the anecdote of how part of the woodland's path network was rerouted to better reflect the needs and use by the local community, while the former route was left to recolonise naturally. The wood's wildlife has benefited through the maintenance and encouragement of natural diversity rather than "gardening".

"The CWRG do an excellent job that I hope continues long into the future," the judge concluded.

Stiller and Vaughn's comedy is hardly worth Watch-ing

ALIENS are invariably a tough little race. In the last 12 months they've fought with cowboys, torn Michael Fassbender's head clean off and battled against the might of the Avengers; but they are still coming back for more.

This time, though, they may have bitten off more than they can chew in the shape of a neighbourhood watch team!

In *The Watch*, Ben Stiller, Jonah Hill, Vince Vaughn and Britain's own Richard Ayoade are the titular group, formed to give them something to do in their sleepy suburb. However, the group may be humanity's last hope when they find themselves matched up against some visitors from outer space who are anything but friendly...

Chances are if you've seen any comedy film starring either Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn or Jonah Hill in the last two years then *The Watch* will hardly take you by surprise; throw in a tired plot about alien invasion

and a bunch of well-intentioned, if misguided, individuals trying to stop it and it will take you even less by surprise, the film feeling like a tired, seen-it-all-before piece that offers very little in the way of freshness or cutting edge.

Given that the film was written by Seth Rogan and Evan Goldberg (behind the likes of *Superbad* and *Pineapple Express*) along with Jared Stern, you would expect the film to be hugely funny while harking back to the staple genres that they grew up with, much like their previous work; however save for a few moments that raise laughs, you will be unmoved by the comedy on show, the gags lazily written and unfocused.

The cast were seemingly also allowed to improvise on set but that heralds even less comedy gold, the stars simply rehashing their public personas on the screen, all too familiar to fans of their work, while newcomer Ayoade, while certainly an amusing performer, simply resorts to the same basic level as his co-stars.

The performances are no better with all of

the stars delivering the most perfunctory of turns brought back from past glories – Stiller echoing his *Night At The Museum* character, Vaughn echoing his turn in *Old School* and Hill returning to his role in *21 Jump Street*.

A *Saturday Night Live* alumnus, Akiva Schaffer, takes the director's chair for the first time since the hidden gem that is *Hot Rod*, but while the budget is bigger, the direction is weaker. Certainly he throws in some nice visual tics and doesn't show a lack of confidence in terms of using the budget, but it feels a little underdone stylistically.

His handle of comedy direction works despite the shortcomings of the cast, but the scale of the film isn't emphasized by the director.

The overwhelming feeling of *The Watch* is that of talented people pooling their resources to make something to satisfy themselves rather than the audience. Certainly some people may find the film funny and enjoy watching the cast riff on their personas, but it all feels incredibly tired, lazy and lackluster – on that basis, *The Watch* is a film that certainly isn't worth watching!



by GARETH JAMIESON

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VERDICT – A misfiring big-budget comedy that fails to hit the funny bone, *The Watch* is a lazily produced film that simply sees talented performers going through the motions for a large pay packet. All involved are capable of so much more, but here offer very little. *Poor*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Horrible Bosses* (2011), *Pineapple Express* (2008).

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Ramblers enjoy the sights and sounds of village life

AUGUST Bank Holiday was rained off, so the planned walk by Penarth and District Ramblers took place one day later, when six walkers joined Joy at Rhose railway station before they headed inland through Rhose village and around the western side of Cardiff International Airport to reach the Highwayman Inn.

By lane and harvested fields, they passed under the B4265 towards Penmark and had to be very careful not to tread on a variety of chickens that were running freely along the footpath before heading downhill through the boggy River Waycock valley to Pen-onn, which was the birthplace of Iolo Morgannwg or Ned of Glamorgan, famed for the part he played in Welsh literature and the revival of Bardic traditions leading to what has become the National Eisteddfod.

Reaching Llanccarfan via a quiet lane, they enjoyed morning coffee at the pretty St Cadoc's Church before going inside. After King Henry V111 split with Rome, Papal influence was frowned upon and in order to encourage Protestant reform, all decorative pictures of culture and belief were, by order of the King, whitewashed out.

With care and patience, ochre wall paintings were discovered under at least 20 layers of white-wash inside the church and are extremely beautiful. Having walked along beside the Nant Llanccarfan River with its pretty ford, the group climbed up through fields, past the new green-roofed anaerobic digester and made their way to Llanbethery which consists of one main road and is situated on a plateau between the Thaw and Nant Llanccarfan valleys.

Some old stone stiles and fields still containing crops were navigated before the group reached Llanccarfan for a well-earned lunch in glorious warm sunshine.

A path led upwards through Castle Wood to Fommon estate land which had been cleared following the recent Vale Show and having passed the duck pond at Fommon, the group headed down to the coast via the thatched Blue Anchor which has

been an inn since 1380.

There were Roman settlements along this coastline, but during the 16th century a small thriving harbour was in evidence at Aberthaw which no doubt was involved in the smuggling trade that was rife along the Bristol Channel.

The course of the River Thaw, that passes between east and west Aberthaw, was changed when Aberthaw Power Station was built during the 1960s.

Circumnavigating the lake at Pleasant Harbour, the group paused on the Wales coast path by the sea defence wall for refreshments and gazed at the salt lagoons and across to the hazy Somerset coastline.

Avoiding the temptation to stay, they crossed the salt flats, ascended cliff steps to Fontygary Caravan Park and made their return past the old limestone quarry and fields at Rhose Point after passing through a total of seven villages.

On September 8, a change in the programme, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 7-mile easy/moderate walk at Magor and Penhow; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On September 9, meet at 8am at Cogan for a 16-mile hard walk at Pen y Gadair Fawr, Waun Fach and Table Mountain; contact William on 01446 747239.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Welsh language centre

A PUBLIC meeting to discuss the establishment of a Welsh language centre for the Vale of Glamorgan will be held on Thursday, September 13 at 6pm in the Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry.

The project, which is using the working title 'Ty Cadog', is aimed at acquiring a building in the centre of Barry as the largest town in the county, that could provide a range of opportunities for the public to use their Welsh in informal situations, such as a café, bookshop etc.

The Ty Cadog website is: www.tycadog.org

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Take part in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' with Macmillan

TO celebrate Macmillan Cancer Support's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning', Oscars Restaurant in Cowbridge has provided two mouth-watering recipes to encourage people to get involved.

The recipes come courtesy of executive chef, John Cook, and the head chef, Gareth Chivell.

Both Oscars' restaurants, in Cowbridge and Cardiff, are supporting Macmillan Cancer Support's big day this year.

A recipe for apricot, honey and toasted coconut flapjack:

Ingredients: 500g oat flakes; 500g butter; 170g golden syrup; 330g demerara sugar; 25g desiccated coconut, toasted; 25g dried apricots, chopped; 25g clear honey.

Method: Melt the butter, sugar, honey and golden syrup over a medium heat until well combined.

Remove from the heat, and stir in oat flakes, apricots and toasted coconut until well combined. Pour the mixture into greaseproof lined tray (approximately 23x32cm).

Bake at 150/gas mark 3 for 20-25 minutes.

Pineapple and carrot cake with cream cheese frosting:

Ingredients: 225ml sunflower oil; 275g soft brown sugar; one vanilla pod; four medium eggs; 300g plain flour; two teaspoons bicarbonate of soda; two teaspoons ground cinnamon; three medium carrots, peeled and grated; 425g fresh crushed pineapple; 100g sultanas.



For the frosting: six tablespoons cream cheese; 75g butter, softened; 200g icing sugar.

Method: Heat the oven to 180/Gas mark 4. Grease and line a shallow baking tray (approximately 23x32cm).

Put the eggs, oil, brown sugar and vanilla into a large mixing bowl and break the eggs with a whisk.

Sift in the flour, bicarbonate of soda and cinnamon. Stir well with a wooden spoon.

Mix in the grated carrots, sultanas and pineapple. Pour into the baking tray and level out. Bake for 45 minutes to one hour.

For the cream cheese frosting combine the cheese, softened butter and icing sugar to a smooth consistency.

If you want to get involved in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, to help people affected by cancer, sign up and get your free 'Coffee Morning Kit' at: macmillan.org.uk/maketime; or 0845 070 1317; or text COFFEE to 88080.

ABOVE: Supporting Macmillan's coffee morning are staff at Oscars in Cowbridge.

From left to right: Ian Griffiths; Gareth Chivell; Charmaine Giudici; Kern Ferreira-Naylor; Atif Tahir; Lloyd Jerwood; Richard Jones and Gethin Davies.



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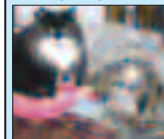


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VALE MAYOR'S WELCOME FOR 200 DUTCH WALKERS



CAB calls for help over expensive school uniforms

THE Vale of Glamorgan Citizens Advice Bureau says that cash-strapped local parents are being put under pressure by school uniform policies.

The organisation says that too many schools still insist that uniform items can only be bought from an exclusive supplier, instead of letting parents take advantage of cheaper deals from supermarkets and high street chains.

The CAB says that some even compel parents to buy items from the school itself – often

at twice the price they might pay for the same clothing elsewhere – with profits going towards school funds.

The chief executive of Vale of Glamorgan CAB, Jane Clay, said: "As hundreds of young people prepare to return to school this

September, we're seeing more and more families struggling with how they are going to cope with the high costs of school uniforms and kit. "In such economically pressured times, schools should help struggling families keep costs down.

"We want schools to make uniforms available from a wide selection

of suppliers, or offer iron-on and sew-on badges as options. As many families have to turn to local charities for help (or risk their children facing discipline for not having the correct uniform), we'd like to see more local authorities provide school uniform grants for those in financial need."

Citizens Advice research shows that while more than 40 per cent of local authorities are continuing to provide school uniform grants, nearly 60 per cent are not.

The Citizens Advice Adding Up campaign shows how schools can help families by following five recession-busting tips:

- Make sure uniforms are available from a range of outlets rather than one sole supplier.
- Offer sew-on badges that can be put on plain clothing.

- Encourage recycling or swap schemes.
- Go for colours that can be carried over from one school to the next.

- Appoint a governor to keep a check on the affordability of parental expenditure.

Jane Clay added: "Vale of Glamorgan CAB saw a parent recently who, with five dependent children, could not afford to pay for her child's school uniform.

"Although the family are in receipt of a low income, they did not qualify for the Welsh Assembly grant available. Even if they had, the grant would not have covered the whole cost of the uniform and would only cover her children when they transferred schools."

For more information/advice contact: Vale of Glamorgan CAB, 119 Broad Street, Barry, 0844 477 2020.

Reader's vision for Cemetery Approach

TO my knowledge, the public open space at Cemetery Approach has been ignored and neglected for at least the last 35 to 40 years, and now the Vale council is asking people to put their suggestions forward for this sensitive area.

I strongly suggest that we are being guided into the idea of transforming the eastern side of Cemetery Approach into allotments (even by our local councillors of Gibbonsdown). This will not only cost the council hundreds of thousands of pounds, it is sacrilege in this day and age to cut down over 100 healthy trees.

Where would the allotment holders park, as there are no parking areas for the present allotment holders?

Steps should be taken to improve the natural beauty of this special area, and to protect the local wildlife that has made this area their home over the years of our neglect. This includes 14 species of birds (including bats)

and frogs, toads, newts and slow worms (a protected species) just to name a few.

The eastern side of Cemetery Approach should be converted into a unique urban wildlife centre, with pathways and benches around the area, bird nest boxes fitted to trees, and a wildlife pond in the centre.

Selected shrubs and bushes would supply the birds with food throughout the seasons.

A wildlife centre could be open to the public and provide educational opportunities for local schools.

On Cemetery Approach roadway, the missing trees in the centre of the road should be replaced, and there should be raised flower beds surrounding the trees.

The south side of Cemetery Approach should be a garden of remembrance with open spaces, benches and flowering shrubs and bushes, with the possibility of a cafeteria or florist on the corner opposite the cemetery gates. This area could be overseen by the cemetery staff.

Bryn Evans, Barry

Back to School Bash and a Bandstand Marathon set for park

THIS weekend sees Victoria Park, Barry, host two great events to finish the summer with a bang!

On Saturday September 8, it's the 'Back to School Bash', fun, games and music in the park on behalf of Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.

The fun starts at 1pm on Saturday with the fantastic DJ Stirling. Get some music and dance lessons from the best in the business.

During the dancing there will be a fancy dress competition for children 10 and under – every child in fancy dress gets a chance to win a free bouncy castle for their next birthday! Prize kindly donated by Peter from Triassic Towers.

Drivers, think of others!

DISABLED residents in Dinas Powys are suffering from the thoughtlessness of car drivers who are parking on 'dropped' curbs in the village.

The result is that wheelchair and scooter users are denied an easy and 'bump free' journey when crossing roads.

Parking in Dinas Powys is becoming more and more difficult. A little consideration for those less fortunate residents would be appreciated.

Mrs B Dean, Dinas Powys

There will be craft stalls and games like splat the rat, tin can alley, hook a duck and all your favourites.

Then, at 3.30pm, it's the return of one of Barry's favourite bands. 'Padded Cell' make their long-awaited return to Victoria Park after reforming last month, and the guys are just waiting to get back to the bandstand.

All proceeds will be going towards Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.

On Sunday September 9, we will be celebrating the tradition of the bandstand and the London 2012 Festival. There will be a wide range of traditional and contemporary musicians coming to play.

With the Barry Brass Band starting proceedings off at 1.30pm, 2pm sees the official playing of the bandstand theme, 'Viva La Vida' by Coldplay.

More than 200 other bands in bandstands across the country will also be playing this song at the same time to coincide with the finale of the

Paralympic Games. At 2.30pm, folk group 'Seafall' change the mood a little with an electric and acoustic set. Then it's the return of the Vale Voices Choir, together with their dynamic conductor Dot Connell. They were a big hit at the monsoon-ravaged Voices in the Park concert in early August.

Finally, to finish the weekend off in a suitably over the top way it's Elvis! Well, it's Matt as Elvis. One of the best tribute acts in town will rock the weekend to a big finish in the incomparable style of 'The King'.

Park manager Jon Greatrex said: "It may be September but it doesn't mean that summer is over yet.

"We are delighted to welcome everyone to Victoria Park for fun, music and a great couple of days out. I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and raising some money for a very worthy cause."

Both events start at 1pm, and admission is free – but please donate to Ty Hafan.

JG

PACT meetings

CADOC PACT: September 12 at Palmerston Community Learning Centre at 6pm.

DYFAN PACT: September 16 at North Walk Community Centre at 7pm.

CASTLELAND PACT: September 17 at the Civic Offices, Holton Road at 7pm.

GIBBONSDOWN

PACT: September 19 at 28 Gibbonsdown Rise at 10.30am.

COURT PACT: September 19 at Ilminster Scouts Hall at 6pm.

WENVOE PACT: Coffee and chat meeting, September 11 at the Wenvoe Arms at 11am.

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT: September 11 at Llantwit Leisure Centre at 7pm.

XFOR issues 50 penalties

LOCAL authority support company XFOR issued 50 Fixed Penalty Notices in the Vale during the week commencing August 27.

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Sesiwn 2: 5:30pm-6:15pm: blwyddyn 2 a 3

Clwb Pel-droed yng Nghylflusterau Chwaraeon Ysgol Cadaxton,
Bob dydd Sadwrn, Dechrau:15/09/12
Blynnyddoedd: 1 i 6

Clwb Gymnasteg yn yr YMCA, Y Barri
Dydd Mawrth, 5pm-6pm, Dechrau: 02/10/12
Blynnyddoedd: 2 i 6

Clwb Rygbi Tag yn yng Nghylflusterau Chwaraeon Ysgol Cadaxton,
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Bob dydd Mercher, 5-6pm, Dechrau:19/09/12
Blynnyddoedd: 3 i 6

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Years: Reception to 2

Netball Club at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg
Wednesday, 5-6pm. Starts 19/09/12
Years: 3 to 6

Badminton at Ysgol Pen-y-Garth Sports Hall
Thursday, 5-6pm. Starts: 20/09/12
Years: 3 to 6

Swimming Club at Barry Leisure Centre
Friday, 4-6pm. Starts 28/09/12
Years: Reception to 6

For more information, contact mariwynne@urdd.org or 07500 607409 Charity No. 524481

VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW RESULTS 2012

CLASS 23: Heifer in milk. Any breed other than Holstein

First – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport.

Second – Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair, Discoed, Chepstow.

Third – E Reader & Son, Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe.

The GAH Samuel Memorial Perpetual Challenge Bowl for the winner of the Championship

Winner – Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair, Discoed, Chepstow.

Reserve – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport.

CLASS 24: Interbreed production and inspection class (NMR & CIS)

First – RM Lougher & Son, Tytangelst Farm, Pyle.

Second – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llanearfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Third – RM Lougher & Son, Tytangelst Farm, Pyle.

The Spillers Perpetual Challenge Cup

Winner – RM Lougher & Son, Tytangelst Farm, Pyle.

CLASS 25: Best pair of dairy females, owned and shown by the same exhibitor

First – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llanearfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Second – Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair, Discoed, Chepstow.

Third – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport.

Bill Francis Memorial Challenge Trophy for the best pair of dairy females

Winner – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llanearfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

CLASS 26: Group of Three Dairy Cattle, owned and shown by the same exhibitor

First – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llanearfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Second – RM Lougher & Son, Tytangelst Farm, Pyle.

Third – Clive Thomas, Dros y Mor Farm, St Donats, Llantwit Major.

The Corporation of Cowbridge Perpetual Challenge Bowl for the best group of dairy cattle

Winner – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llanearfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Overall Dairy Championships

The TJ Yorwerth Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best dairy cow or heifer in the show

Winner – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llanearfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Runner up – Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair, Discoed, Chepstow.

The Wyndham Ivor Radcliffe Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibitor in the cattle classes

Winner – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llanearfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Calf Handling

CLASS 27: 12 and under on the day of the show, calf 12 months and under – any breed

First – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llanearfan, Vale of Glamorgan (Hebe Thomas).

Second – MT Rees, Upper Park Farm, Laleston.

Third – Clive Thomas, Dros y Mor Farm, St Donats, Llantwit Major (Rebecca Thomas).

The Glamorgan Farm Supplies Trophy

Winner – VJ Price & Son,

Trevithyn Farm, Llanearfan, Vale of Glamorgan (Hebe Thomas).

CLASS 28: 13-18 on the day of the show. Calf 12 months and under – any breed

First – RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (Beth Granville).

Second – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llanearfan, Vale of Glamorgan (George Thomas).

Third – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llanearfan, Vale of Glamorgan (Poppy Davies).

The PJ Llewellyn Perpetual Challenge Cup

Winner – RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (Beth Granville).

CLASS 29: 19-26 on the day of the show. Calf 18 months and under – any breed

First – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (Sian Webber).

Second – RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (Kate Granville).

Third – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llanearfan, Vale of Glamorgan.

The WJ Bassett Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Winner – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (Sian Webber).

Horses

Ridden Hunters

CLASS 64: Small Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over

First – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhauglog, Bryncethin (Sherkhan).

Second – Mr AA Bowen & Ms Hall Richards, Tyla Morris Farm, Briton Ferry (Slybont Déjà Vu).

CLASS 65: Lightweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs and under

First – Mr & Mrs WP Bowdler, Elba Street, Gowerton, Swansea (Rothwell).

Second – Mrs Rose Morgan, Penybont Farm, Kidwelly (Main Man).

Third – Mr & Mrs M Price, Seagulls, Wentloog, Newport (Ballykett Star).

CLASS 66: Middleweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs, not exceeding 14 stone

First – Miss A Collins, Horsehill Farm, Sturminster Newton (Bottom Grove Bazel).

Second – Malcolm Rosser, Paxford Farm, Llansamlet (Kings Pride).

Third – S Cushion, Glan y Nant, Tondy, Bridgend (Penlove Magical Moments).

CLASS 67: Heavyweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 14 stone and over

First – Miss C Prosser, Sluice House Farm, Peterstone Wentloog (Spring Lancer).

Second – Malcolm Rosser, Paxford Farm, Llansamlet (Paxford Venture).

Champion

The Class Windows Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Winner – Miss A Collins, Horsehill Farm, Sturminster Newton (Bottom Grove Bazel).

Reserve – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhauglog, Bryncethin (Sherkhan).

Unaffiliated Hunter Classes

CLASS 68: Open Local Hunter, four years old and over (need not be registered with the society) to be confined to horses, resident within a 20-mile radius of the

showground

First – Mr & Mrs M Price, Seagulls, Wentloog, Newport (Ballykett Star).

Second – R Thomas, Flemingston Court, Barry (Sleep).

Third – Mrs J Bissett, Tydu Farm, Capel Llanelwne, Cardiff (Cloomia Doneen Condor).

The Dan Radcliffe Perpetual Challenge Cup

Winner – Mr & Mrs M Price, Seagulls, Wentloog, Newport (Ballykett Star).

CLASS 69: Open Working Hunter, four years old and over exceeding 148cms. Mare or gelding

First – Jake Harris, West Hall, West Aberthaw (Wally).

Second – R Thomas, Flemingston Court (Todda).

Third – R Thomas, Flemingston Court (Sleep).

The Bridgend Glazing and Silvering Co LTD Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Winner – Jake Harris, West Hall, W. Aberthaw, Barry (Wally).

Riding Horses

CLASS 70: The Tattersalls and RoR Thoroughbred Ridden Show Horse Class

First – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhauglog, Bryncethin (Sherkhan).

Second – Laura Grey, Awel y Bryn, Llanwensan, Pontyclun (Gray Knight).

Third – R Birt Llewellyn, Little Haven, Haverfordwest (Mad King Oskar).

Principality Building Society Perpetual Challenge Cup

Winner – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhauglog, Bryncethin (Sherkhan).

CLASS 71: The Re-Trained Racehorse Challenge

First – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhauglog, Bryncethin (Sherkhan).

Second – Laura Grey, Awel Y Bryn, Llanwensan, Pontyclun (Gray Knight).

Third – R Thomas, Flemingston Court (Pouliguen).

CLASS 72: Open Riding Horse

First – Hayley Gill, Maison Rouge, Gilboa Road, Newbridge (Diamond Bc).

Second – Miss P Pembroke, Meadow Farm, Llanharly (Illegal Punt).

Third – Mrs Y Withey, Westwoods, Caswell Bay, Swansea (Mumbles Alexander Dancer).

The John & Sarah Cory Perpetual Challenge Cup

Winner – Hayley Gill, Maison Rouge, Gilboa Road, Newbridge (Diamond Bc).

Side Saddle

CLASS 73: Ladies Side Saddle

First – AGW Davies, Tai Arfryn, Broadlands, Bridgend (Little Flash).

Second – Mrs P Yeoman, Roswen, Coity (Bondleigh Seren Fach).

Third – Tanya Guest, Abbots Close, Margam.

Great House Vase

Winner – AGW Davies, Tai Arfryn, Broadlands, Bridgend – ridden by Hannah Davies (10) (Little Flash).

Cobs

CLASS 74: Open Cob, Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, exceeding 148cms and not exceeding 155cms to be ridden. Riders any age

First – Mr AA Bowen, Tyla Morris Farm, Briton Ferry (Finn).

Second – G Roberts, Pwll y Felin Farm, Blackmill, Bridgend (Seiont Hywel Dda).

The Mr and Mrs Christopher

Cory Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Ridden Cob.

Winner – Mr AA Bowen, Tyla Morris Farm, Briton Ferry (Finn).

Children's Riding Ponies

CLASS 75: Leading Rein Pony, Mare or Gelding, four years old and over. Not exceeding 122cms. Rider not to have attained their eighth birthday before January 1 in the current year. Qualifier for Direct Leading Rein Pony Championship

First – E Courtney Roberts, Pleasant Villas, Pontardulais (Cosford Charming).

Second – Miss C Prosser, Sluice House Farm, Peterstone Wentloog (Cefnydd Christie).

Third – S Alldridge, Park Street, Maesteg (Dani).

The Prince of Wales Investiture Perpetual Challenge Cup.

Presented by the chairman and members of the former Cowbridge RDC for the Best Leading Rein Pony

Winner – E Courtney Roberts, Pleasant Villas, Pontardulais (Cosford Charming).

The Menai Prince Charming Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the winner of the Mini Show Pony Championship

Winner/champ – E Courtney Roberts, Pleasant Villas, Pontardulais (Cosford Charming).

Reserve – Miss C Prosser, Sluice House Farm, Peterstone Wentloog (Cefnydd Christie).

Working Hunter Ponies

CLASS 77: The BSPS Mixed Height Novice Working Hunter Ponies

First – AGW Davies, Tai Arfryn, Broadlands, Bridgend (Wynswood Genavieve).

Second – Hanna Bertorelli, Pencoeed Farm, Bryncethin (Rosebud).

Third – AGW Davies, Tai Arfryn, Broadlands, Bridgend (Beechpark Molly).

CLASS 78: The BSPS Mixed Height Open Working Hunter Ponies.

First – Hanna Bertorelli, Pencoeed Farm, Bryncethin (Rosebud).

WHP Championship – The Glamorgan GEM Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Working Hunter Pony in Class 77 & 78

Winner – Hanna Bertorelli, Pencoeed Farm, Bryncethin (Rosebud).

Mountain & Moorland Ponies

CLASS 79: Mountain & Moorland Open Heritage Lead Rein mare or gelding, four years old and over. Ponies not to have attained their ninth birthday before January 1 in the current year

First – Mrs P Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Cruomey, Abergavenny (Rhydygrug Peter Pan).

Second – E Matthews, Ty Hen, Treoes, Bridgend (Gwyddil Nightjar).

Third – E Courtney Roberts, Pleasant Villas, Pontardulais (Rosmarche Harlequin).

MT Morgan Cup presented to the winner of Class 79

Winner – Mrs P Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Cruomey, Abergavenny (Rhydygrug Peter Pan).

CLASS 80: Mountain & Moorland Open Heritage First Ridden Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, not exceeding 128cms. Riders not to have attained their 12th birthday before January 1 in the current year

First – Mrs P Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Cruomey, Abergavenny (Pendock Partytime).

Second – Rob Williams, Highfield Road, Caerleon (Llanalyn Anstin).

Championship

Champion – Mrs P Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Cruomey, Abergavenny (Pendock Partytime).

Reserve – Rob Williams, Highfield Road, Caerleon (Llanalyn Anstin).

CLASS 81: BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland and Welsh section A ponies four years old or over. Riders any age

First – Mrs P Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Cruomey, Abergavenny (Pendock Partytime).

Second – Rob Williams, Highfield Road, Caerleon (Llanalyn Anstin).

Third – M Britton, Courtney Road, Barry (China Doll).

CLASS 82: BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Welsh section B & C ponies four years old or over. Riders any age

First – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhauglog, Bryncethin (River Valley Tyron).

Second – Mrs SJ Bishop, Maesdiofal Farm, Senghenydd (Mentmore First Light).

Third – F Williams, Dovedale Street, Barry (Springfield Park Rolls Royce).

CLASS 83: BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred New Forest and Connemara ponies four years old or over. Riders any age

First – AGW Davies, Tai Arfryn, Broadlands, Bridgend.

CLASS 84: BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Fells, Dales, Highlands and Welsh section D ponies four years old or over. Riders any age

First – K Westall, Middle Lodge, Clemenstone, Wick (Tardebige Lancer Man).

Second – JA Evans, Woodford House, Llantwit Major (Jubilee Pageant).

Third – Ffion Handford, Llwynmilwys, Groesfaen (Llwynnell Cadno).

Championship

Champion – K Westall, Middle Lodge, Clemenstone, Wick (Tardebige Lancer Man).

Reserve – Mrs P Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Cruomey, Abergavenny (Pendock Partytime).

CLASS 86: BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony. Ponies four years old or over exceeding 122cms, but not exceeding 138cms. Riders any age

First – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhauglog, Bryncethin (River Valley Tyron).

Second – Beth Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (Crossfield Socks).

CLASS 87: BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony. Ponies four years old or over exceeding 138cms. Riders any age

First – Mrs A Salter, Scurlage Castle Stud, Port Eynon (Maesmand Jack Daniels).

Championship

Champion – Miss Rachel Thomas, Brynhauglog, Bryncethin (River Valley Tyron).

Reserve – Mrs A Salter, Scurlage Castle Stud, Port Eynon (Maesmand Jack Daniels).

Coloured Classes

CLASS 88: Open Youngstock Qualifier. One, two or three-year-olds. No foals

First – LJ Evans, Sker Walk, Porthcawl (Comarch Bahama

Mama).

Second – Mr M Emanuel, Penselli Farm, Llanfabon, Nelson (Westcfeyl Heart Of Gold).

Third – K Pritchard/R. Maynard c/o, Rudyr Mews, Caerphilly (Brynteg Blue Diamond).

Summerhaze

Winner – LJ Evans, Sker Walk, Porthcawl (Comarch Bahama Mama).

CLASS 89: Open In-hand Qualifier. Any height, age or type. No foals

First – Mrs K Jones, Garth Uchaf Farm, Llanharan (Biscuit).

Second – Mrs R Bishop, 31 Pensarn Way, Henllys, Cwmbran (Shemika Snip).

Third – Alys Lynch, Elwyn Street, Coedely, Tonyrefail (Rough Diamond).

CLASS 90: Open Ridden Qualifier. Any type, any height

First – WH Williams & Son, Dolau Ifan Ddu Farm, Blackmill (Abbeyslands Picasso).

Second – A Dooley, Galt Y Ddrudwen, Bridgend (Minty).

Third – Mrs C Bradshaw, Brackla (Roheryn Arien).

Championship

Perpetual Championship Trophy presented by M & S Cuddy

Winner – WH Williams & Son, Dolau Ifan Ddu Farm, Blackmill (Abbeyslands Picasso).

Reserve – Mrs K Jones, Garth Uchaf Farm, Llanharan (Biscuit).

Welsh Mountain Ponies

CLASS 91: Welsh Mountain Pony Yearling

First – S & M Coulthard, Tyr Hen Forwyn, Hafodyrynys (Llanfrechfa Valentine).

Second – Gail Butler, Church Terrace, St. Mary Church (Parccarreg Iolyn).

Third – Steven Roberts, Cartref, Pontypridd (Ffiondd Ddu).

CLASS 92: Welsh Mountain Pony, two or three years old

First – S Williams, Church Terrace, St Mary Church (Rhesfiar Me Julie).

Second – Ryan Wilson, Ruskin House, Miskin (Ceulan Caryn).

Third – Mrs SL Mason, Ty Cae Mawr Farm, Pontypridd (Gelliniog Cracker Jack).

CLASS 93: Novice Welsh Mountain Pony Brood Mare, four years old or over, that has never won a first prize in a brood mare class

First – WK & AE Hughes, Dunvant Road, Three Crosses (Bryn Odyn Seren Haf).

CLASS 94: Welsh Mountain Pony, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over

First – S & M Coulthard, Tyr Hen Forwyn, Hafodyrynys (Llanfrechfa Princess).

Second – Emma Field, Mill Heath, Bettws, Newport (Tryfei Taranau).

Third – A Paddock & LC Motton, Port Road, Wenvoe (Ty Y Waun Paquilia).

CLASS 95: Welsh Mountain Pony Foal

First – WK & AE Hughes, Dunvant Road, Three Crosses (Bryn Odyn Sprig).

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The Brynheulog Perpetual Challenge Cup, given by the late Mrs Matthew Williams, for Best Welsh Mountain Pony Mare
Winner – S & M Coulthard, Tyr Hen Forwyn, Hafodyrynys (*Llanfrecfha Princess*).

Reserve – WK & AE Hughes, Dunvant Road, Three Crosses (*Bryn Odyn Seren Haf*).

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society Medal to the champion or reserve in accordance with the WPCS rules, and the 'Penllyn' Challenge Trophy for the Best Animal in section A classes

Winner – Mr R Donati & Miss B Booper, Groesfaen, Pontyclun (*Ceulan Calon Lan*).

Reserve – S & M Coulthard, Tyr Hen Forwyn, Hafodyrynys (*Llanfrecfha Princess*).

The Lyndon Evans Memorial Trophy for the Best Welsh Mountain Pony, three years old or younger

Winner – S Williams, Church Terrace, St Mary Church (*Rhesfjar Me Julie*).

Reserve – Ryan Wilson, Ruskin House, Miskin (*Ceulan Caryn*).

Welsh Ponies

CLASS 97: Welsh Pony Yearling
First – Ms S Easton, Curwen Terrace, Pontrhydyfen (*Gigman Bucks Fizz*).

Second – Carly Watkins, Hensol Road, Pontyclun (*Butleigh Forget Me Not*).

CLASS 98: Welsh Pony, two or three years old

First – Mrs J Hall c/o Rudry Mews, Caerphilly (*Grias Hall Lava*).

CLASS 99: Welsh Pony, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over

First – LJ Evans, Sker Walk, Porthcawl (*Smokeycott Glitterbug*).

Second – Mr & Mrs P Thomas, Llanrumney, Cardiff (*Brookhall Prince Charming*).

Third – Mrs C Langford, Talygarn Drive, Talygarn (*Yrenfys Petruska*).

CLASS 100: Welsh Pony Foal

First – June Marsh, Woodland Road, Beddau, Mid Glam (*Jula Keeping The Peace*).

CLASS 101: Welsh Pony Stallion, four years old or over

First – C Tamplin c/o Rudry Mews, Caerphilly (*Graishall Kiwi*).

Second – Mr & Mrs P Thomas, Llanrumney, Cardiff (*Reylem Anubis*).

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society Medal to the champion or reserve in accordance with the WPCS Rules and the Thornberry Challenge Trophy for the best animal in the section B class

Winner – C Tamplin c/o Rudry Mews, Caerphilly (*Graishall Kiwi*).

Reserve – LJ Evans, Sker Walk, Porthcawl (*Smokeycott Glitterbug*).

Welsh Ponies Cob Type

CLASS 102: Mare or gelding, four years old or over

First – Mr & Mrs RJ Davies, Carreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale (*Hywri Rhian*).

CLASS 103: Foal

First – JK Walters, Mafeking Terrace, Tredegar (*Pwllmelin Scarlet Ribbons*).

CLASS 104: Yearling

First – Mrs G Anderson, James Court, St Mellons (*Tyntyla Nightshade*).

Second – L & S Palmer, Clampham Terrace, Blaenavon (*Blaidd Lauren*).

Third – C Kerrigan, Waun Dafydd Farm, Bridgend (*Waun Dafydd Sophie*).

CLASS 105: Welsh Pony of Cob Type, two or three years old

First – JK Walters, Mafeking Terrace, Tredegar (*Moorcroft Louiseanna*).

Second – Sarah Edwards, Blackwell Close, Barry (*Cefn New Look*).

CLASS 106: Stallion, four years old or over

First – JK Walters, Mafeking Terrace, Tredegar (*Nye Poppys Boy*).

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society Medal to the champion or reserve in accordance with the WPCS rules and The Louis Fisher Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best animal in the section C classes

Winner – Mr & Mrs RJ Davies, Carreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale (*Hywri Rhian*).

Reserve – JK Walters, Mafeking Terr, Tredegar (*Nye Poppys Boy*).

Welsh Cobs

CLASS 107: Welsh Cob Yearling

First – MD & C Evans, Gwynfaes, Hermon, Cynnyc Elfed (*Gwynfaes Seren Wledig*).

Second – O & R Bentley, Bedw, Gwynion, Caio, Llanwrda (*Nantwood Gwawr*).

Third – Mr G Williams, Valio Stud, Ebbw Vale (*Valio Tamar*).

CLASS 108: Welsh Cob, two or three years old

First – JK Walters, Mafeking Terrace, Tredegar (*Tyr Llawn Vicountess*).

Second – Mrs C Davies, Ysgubor Fawr, Ynysybwl (*Tir Y Gelli The Crusader*).

Third – P Watts, Inkerman Terr, Tredegar (*Morfran Isabelle*).

CLASS 109: Welsh Cob, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over

First – Mr TG Hughes, Ionos Stud, Llangan (*Rhysyd Sian*).

Second – Dean Davies, Carreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale (*Cathael Victoria*).

Third – N Edwards & G Williams, Church Terrace, St Mary Church (*Danaway Solitaire*).

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society Medal to the Champion or Reserve in accordance with the WPCS and The Parkhouse Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best animal in section D classes

Winner – Mr T G Hughes, Ionos Stud, Llangan (*Rhysyd Sian*).

Reserve – JK Walters, Mafeking Terr, Tredegar (*Tyr Llawn Vicountess*).

Supreme Championship

The Mrs Homfray Challenge Cup for best exhibit in sections A, B, C & D

Winner – Mr & Mrs RJ Davies, Carreg Bica Farm, Ebbw Vale (*Hywri Rhian*).

Hunt Scurry

First – Banwen Hunt

Second – Pentyrch Hunt

Third – Llangeinor Hunt

Fourth – Glamorgan Hunt

The Calvert Harries Memorial Trophy for the Inter Hunt Scurry

Winner – Banwen Hunt

Sheep

CLASS 30: Ram

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Manmoel, Blackwood.

Second – E Williams, Castell Llwyd Farm, Nelson, Mid Glam.

Third – Williams Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Blackmill, Bridgend.

CLASS 31: Ram Lamb

First – Ann Graucott, Swffryd

Farm, Hafod Yr Ynys.

Second – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Manmoel, Blackwood.

Third – E Williams, Castell Llwyd Farm, Nelson, Mid Glam.

CLASS 32: One Ewe

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Manmoel, Blackwood.

Second – Williams Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Blackmill, Bridgend.

Third – Williams Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Blackmill, Bridgend.

CLASS 33: One Ewe Lamb

First – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Manmoel, Blackwood.

Second – E Williams, Castell Llwyd Farm, Nelson, Mid Glam.

Third – E Williams, Castell Llwyd Farm, Nelson, Mid Glam.

The Western Mail Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in the Welsh Mountain Sheep classes

Winner – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Manmoel, Blackwood.

Reserve – Arthur Davies, Maes Yr Onn, Manmoel, Blackwood.

Black Welsh Mountain Sheep

CLASS 34: Ram

First – Mr & Mrs G Phillips, Highfield, Langstone, Newport.

Second – Mr & Mrs G Phillips, Highfield, Langstone, Newport.

Third – Mr & Mrs HCH Williams, Fairwater Way, Cwmbran.

CLASS 35: Ram Lamb

First – M/S Palmer & Hayward, Ysgyborgoch Farm, St Andrews Major.

Second – Mr & Mrs HCH Williams, Fairwater Way, Cwmbran.

Third – Paul Bertorelli, Pencoeed Farm, Cefn Carfan Road, Bryncethin.

CLASS 36: One Ewe

First – Mr & Mrs G Phillips, Highfield, Langstone, Newport.

Second – M/S Palmer & Hayward, Ysgyborgoch Farm, St Andrews Major.

Third – Mr & Mrs G Phillips, Highfield, Langstone, Newport.

CLASS 37: One Ewe Lamb

First – Paul Bertorelli, Pencoeed Farm, Cefn Carfan Road, Bryncethin.

Second – M/S Palmer & Hayward, Ysgyborgoch Farm, St Andrews Major.

Third – Mr & Mrs HCH Williams, Fairwater Way, Cwmbran.

The Richard Evans-Bevan Perpetual Challenge Tankard for the best exhibit in the Black Welsh Mountain Classes

Winner/champ – Mr & Mrs G Phillips, Highfield, Langstone, Newport.

Reserve – M/S Palmer & Hayward, Ysgyborgoch Farm, St Andrews Major.

Suffolk

CLASS 38: Ram

First – Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides Wentloog.

Second – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Third – CV Thomas, Pencoeed Farm, Coychurch Road, Bridgend.

CLASS 39: Ram Lamb

First – Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides, Wentloog.

Second – Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides, Wentloog.

Third – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

CLASS 40: One Ewe

First – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Second – CV Thomas, Pencoeed

Farm, Coychurch Road, Bridgend.

Third – Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides, Wentloog.

CLASS 41: One Ewe Lamb

First – Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides, Wentloog.

Second – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Third – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

The Edwards Geldard Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in the Suffolk Sheep class

Winner – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Reserve – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Texel

CLASS 42: Ram

First – TC & RL Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd.

Second – E Evans & Son, Scurlage Castle Farm, Swansea.

Third – TC & RL Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd.

CLASS 43: Ram Lamb

First – E Evans & Son, Scurlage Castle Farm, Swansea.

Second – TC & RL Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd.

Third – Tomos Churchill, Graig Ddu Farm, Dinas.

CLASS 44: One Ewe

First – Diane And Francis Evans, Derimoeion Farm, Dryllwyn, Carmarthen.

Second – E Evans & Son, Scurlage Castle Farm, Swansea.

Third – E Evans & Son, Scurlage Castle Farm, Swansea.

CLASS 45: One Ewe Lamb

First – Diane And Francis Evans, Derimoeion Farm, Dryllwyn, Carmarthen.

Second – TC & RL Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd.

Third – TC & RL Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd.

The Mary Homfray Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in the Texel Sheep classes

Winner/champ – Diane And Francis Evans, Derimoeion Farm, Dryllwyn, Carmarthen.

Reserve – TC & RL Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd.

Ryeland

CLASS 46: Ram

First – RA, AM & LA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea.

Second – RA, AM & LA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea.

Third – Ifan Lloyd, Glen Bryn, Lunnun, Gower, Swansea.

CLASS 47: Ram Lamb

First – RA, AM & LA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea.

Second – RA, AM & LA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea.

Third – Ifan Lloyd, Glen Bryn, Lunnun, Gower, Swansea.

CLASS 48: One Ewe

First – Ifan Lloyd, Glen Bryn, Lunnun, Gower, Swansea.

Second – RA, AM & LA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea.

Third – J & N Hepburn, 10 Farmhouse Way, Caerau, Cardiff.

Third – J Bissett & D Frankham, Woodlands Road, Barry.

Champion

Champion – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Reserve – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Any Breed

CLASS 58: Best Ram Lamb (untrimmed). Not to be shown in any other class

First – TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant.

Second – CV Thomas, Pencoeed Farm, Coychurch Road, Bridgend.

Third – TC & RL Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd.

CLASS 59: Group of three

The Tom Davies 'Monkton' Memorial Trophy for the winner of the Ryland Championship

Winner – RA, AM & LA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea.

Open Mixed Continental Breed, other than Texel

CLASS 50: Ram

First – TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant.

Second – SC Hywel Rees, Somerset Farm, St Donats.

CLASS 51: Ram Lamb

First – TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant.

Second – TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant.

Third – C Hywel Rees, Somerset Farm, St Donats.

CLASS 52: One Ewe

First – TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant.

Second – TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant.

Third – Justin Evans, Ty Draw Farm, St Andrews Major.

CLASS 53: One Ewe Lamb

First – TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant.

Second – Justin Evans, Ty Draw Farm, St Andrews Major.

Third – Justin Evans, Ty Draw Farm, St Andrews Major.

The Chapman and Frearson Challenge Cup for the Best Continental Breed Exhibit

Winner – TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant.

Reserve – Justin Evans, Ty Draw Farm, St Andrews Major.

Open Mixed Native Breed other than Welsh Mountain, Black Welsh Mountain, Suffolk and Ryeland

CLASS 54: Ram

First – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Second – Ann Graucott, Swffryd Farm, Hafod Yr Ynys.

Third – RA, AM & LA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea.

CLASS 55: Ram Lamb

First – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Second – Ann Graucott, Swffryd Farm, Hafod Yr Ynys.

Third – J Bissett & D Frankham, Woodlands Road, Barry.

CLASS 56: One Ewe

First – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston, Cardiff.

Second – RA, AM & LA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea.

Third – J Bissett & D Frankham, Woodlands Road, Barry.

CLASS 57: One Ewe Lamb

First – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Second – Ann Graucott, Swffryd Farm, Hafod Yr Ynys.

Third – J & N Hepburn, 10 Farmhouse Way, Caerau, Cardiff.

Third – J Bissett & D Frankham, Woodlands Road, Barry.

Champion

Champion – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Reserve – TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston.

Any Breed

CLASS 58: Best Ram Lamb (untrimmed). Not to be shown in any other class

First – TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant.

Second – CV Thomas, Pencoeed Farm, Coychurch Road, Bridgend.

Third – TC & RL Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd.

CLASS 59: Group of three

Continental Breed Sheep comprising of one male and two females to be shown in previous classes and property of the same exhibitor

RURAL WELSH LIFE ENJOYS ITS DAY IN THE SUN AT VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW

THE general secretary of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show, Nicola Gibson, this week thanked the dozens of volunteers who helped ensure that the event was such a great success.

As Glyn Evans' images demonstrate, the show is a great showcase for the best in rural life, with people travelling to it from all over Wales, and even parts of England.

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List of prize winners for home produce, floral, crafts and children's competitions

Section 1 - Preserves:

Jar marmalade, Mike Legrove; Jar strawberry jam, Jane Crowe; Lemon curd, Val Charles; Jar raspberry jam, Jane Crowe; Jar apricot jam, Rose Morgan; Jar of caramelised onion chutney, Rose Morgan; Bottle of french dressing, Charlotte Thomas.

Section 2 - Cookery:

White loaf, Pam Lewis; Three cheese scones, Annabel John; Five cocktail corned beef pasties, Carrie Cox; Three Scotch eggs, Abigail Price; Savoury quiche, Abigail Evans; Boiled fruit cake, Mike Legrove; Five Viennese fingers, Lucy Morgan; Five Welsh cakes, P A Llewellyn; Victoria sponge, Val Charles; Apricot tray-bake, Jane Crowe; Lemon drizzle cake, P Vincent; Apple tart, Cath Thomas; Diamond Jubilee celebration cake, Sarah Davies; Five decorated cup cakes, Charlotte Thomas; Treacle tart, Katherine Grey; Five butterfly cakes (men

only), David Morgan.

Section 3 - Flower arrangements:

An arrangement of all foliage, Mary Grey; Table centre, 'Diamond Jubilee tea', Mary Grey; A ladies' wedding corsage, Kay Gay; An exhibit 'The Olympics', Betty Thomas; Five flowers and foliage 'Elegance', Betty Thomas.

Section 4 - Craft:

A cushion (any medium), Gillian Jenkins; A fabric door draught excluder, Kay Bowring; A cook's apron, Dawn Calloway; A hand knitted fashion garment, Eirian Roberts; An item using recycled material, Linda Watkins; A set of fashion jewellery, Kay Bowring; A knee rug (to be donated to local NHS residential home) Margaret Edwards; A cover for a kitchen appliance, Kay Bowring; An item incorporating the alphabet (any medium) Mrs K M Turner.

Section 5 - Art:

Water colour, Una Tratman; Oil/acrylic, Una Tratman; Drawing, Brenda Dwek; Pastels, Una Tratman; Photograph 'country life' in colour, Pam Lewis; Photograph 'Reflections' (black and white) Venetta O'Connor.

Section 6 - Children's classes:

7-years and under: Painting 'golden carriage' Mae Thomas; Pasta face on paper plate of the Queen, Lucy Owen; Five marzipan fruits, Lucy Owen.

Age 8-11 years: Design and Olympic medal, Grace Thomas; Three scones, Lewys Robins; A decorated plastic bottle, Keira Atyeo-Canter.

Age 12-16 years: Five Olympic decorated cup cakes, Isobel Smith; A handwritten invitation to a royal garden party, Lucy Morgan; A crown made from recycled material, Helen Thomas.

Chairman Cup competition: Sarah Davies.

It was horses for courses at the Vale Show as equestrians of all ages were treated to delights

AS can be seen in these photographs by GEM photographer Glyn Evans, livestock, and in particular horses, were at the forefront of the Vale Show at Fônmon.

All things equine included showjumping, horse and pony displays, and the jousting skills of the Devil's Horsemen in the main ring.

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Modern two bedroom end of link house with off road parking comprising Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge with patio doors to rear garden, Modern Bathroom. Gas fired central heating. UPVC double glazed windows. Open plan garden to front and enclosed rear garden. Ref 683D

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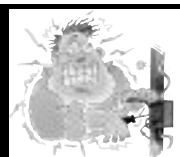
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Sully Firsts and Seconds both open accounts with wins

THE hard pre-season training under head coach Grantley Harries paid dividends on the opening day of the season with victories for both the Firsts and Seconds, a feat not achieved for many years.

The pre-season warm-up games were used to put in practice the lessons and moves learnt on the training ground, and to try out new combinations of players, with several additions and changes to last season's group.

On August 10, the Sports made their annual appearance in the Southmead 10s Tournament in Bristol, this time entering two sides.

Both sides pulled out notable victories, and reached the semi-final stages – one in the main competition and the second in the plate. Overall, it was a long, hot, muscle-straining day, but enjoyable and very good for team work and bonding.

The following Saturday, the Sports entertained local rivals Dinas Powys, a division higher in the WRU, who in the corresponding pre-season friendly gave the Sports a 50-plus point hiding.

Not so this year, as the Sports played with style, and unusual discipline, to run out 24-17 winners.

The final warm-up saw the Sports entertain Fairwater, three divisions higher in the league, and played some of their best rugby for years, only to lose 31-17 – a score that flattered the visitors.

CARDIFF 21
SULLY
SPORTS 22
Newly-promoted to the WRU Sixth Division, Sully Sports shocked the Saracens by not being overawed by a side who have several WRU seasons of experience.

They took the game to the home side from the first whistle until the last,

and were a little unlucky not to win by a more comfortable margin.

Three debutants made their mark in this opening competitive fixture: Jake Williams (centre), Sam Bowditch (hooker) and Peter Brown (lock) – Jake and Sam having first joined the club as under-8s a decade ago.

Playing into the strong wind, it was the Sports who drew first blood when a fine period of play between forwards and backs swept them upfield. Winger Dave Stillman went in at the corner flag for a try, superbly converted by outside-half Chris Cummins.

Although the Sarries were not able to gain a territorial advantage using the wind, they did use it to slot over three long-range penalties to take the lead.

Boyed on, they applied some pressure in the Sports' 22, forcing a turnover and punching for a corner try, well converted.

In the final 10 minutes of the half, the Sports regrouped and should have reduced the deficit when a break looked certain to lead to a try, but an excellent last ditch tackle killed the movement.

After the break, Cummins cut the deficit to three points by kicking two penalties, one from well in to his own half, but a lapse of concentration saw a poor clearance kick returned by the home side for an unconverted try.

Stung by this score, and facing an eight-point deficit, the Sports upped their game, backs and forwards driving and interlinking, to dominate the final quarter.

With only a minute to go, all this pressure had only resulted in two more Cummins penalties.

A final burst of powerful forward play cracked the home discipline and Cummins slotted his fifth penalty. The kick-off was caught by veteran Jason Evans, who was immense among an outstanding pack, and he coolly kicked the ball into touch to bring to an

end a pulsating match.

SULLY
SECONDS 32
LLANISHEN
THIRDS 12
Despite fielding a side with three debutants (N Coulthard, L Fazluddin, N Taylor) and several players playing out of position, this was a most encouraging opening to the season for the Sports Seconds.

Up front they dominated, either pushing the visitors off their own scrum ball, or driving them back, making them play on the retreat. It was from a second against the head scrum, in the sixth minute, that winger Scott Williams was fed to open up the scoring with a try in the corner.

Even with the wind against them the Sports dominated possession and territory, and the visitors relied on their elusive half-backs for most of their breaks and ground gains.

From one of these breaks, Llanishen got a foothold in the home 22, and worked the ball from a ruck near the touchline right across the pitch with good support play for a deserved try in the opposite corner.

The Sports responded by taking back control, and on the half-hour, pressure on a Llanishen scrum, in their own 22, led to a poor kick. Centre Ian Moore gathered and barged through three tackles on a 30-metre run to the line.

Five minutes later, strong running and good support play by Scott Mills, John Moyle and Ishmail Yasin set up a drive by the forwards deep into the visitors' 22. Out popped prop Anthony Penberthy to barge over from five metres for a try, converted by Mills.

Five minutes into the second half, Llanishen were forced to take off a prop, and with no front row substitutes available, made a successful request for passive scrums.

Within a minute of this, they knocked-on and the ball was swept up

by Scott Williams, who raced 60m for his second try.

The resultant kick-off was caught by winger Ian Patterson who, not to be outdone by his fellow winger, sped 60m himself for a solo try.

Just over 10 minutes into the second period and the game was clinched, when No8 Scott Mills picked up from a scrum in his own half, and drove through tackle after tackle for an amazing try.

The Sports then seemed to lose their concentration a bit, making unforced errors, and Llanishen came more into the game.

They were rewarded with a fine converted try, as a bout of good inter-passing set up a jinking run for a score by the fly-half.

The last quarter of the game suffered from poor play by both teams, as the strong wind, substitutions and tiredness played their part in upsetting the game's previous rhythm.

Club notes
TRAINING is at 6.30pm every Monday and Wednesday at the Sully Sports Ground.

Numbers so far have been good, but coach Harries would welcome anyone interested to join in – experienced or not.

The club are seeking to strengthen their coaching team, particularly in the forwards area, and invite anyone interested to contact them.

The club is also looking to increase their numbers in the mini/junior section, and parents/players can attend training on Sundays at 10am.

This Saturday, September 8, the First XV have no league fixture, but the Seconds entertain Rhiwbina Thirds at Sully (kick-off 2.30pm), in what could be a fascinating game following the Sports' last-minute win against Rhiwbina in the Ron Lucock Cup Final in May.

MJ STAFFORD
(Honorary treasurer)

BARRY RFC ROUND-UP SECONDS START UP WITH HEAVY DEFEAT

BARRY Second XV opened their league campaign in the Cardiff and District Premier Division with the visit of reigning champions St Peter's.

The home side's preparations for the game were severely hampered by numerous players drafted into the first team, late withdrawals, and three players who declared their availability but failed to turn up on the day.

As it was, coach Rhydian Scott and interim manager Ken Chow had to use all their tactical nous to put together a side, calling up several Barrians into the starting XV.

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BOXER LEE COMES HOME



THURSDAY, August 30 saw a first in the history of the Barry East End boxing gym at the Windsor Hotel when local Barry fighter Lee Selby, the current British and Commonwealth featherweight champion, came to do a public sparing session with stable mate Gary Buckland, who is also a British champion in the super featherweight division.

They trained with trainers Tony Borg and Billy Reynolds of St Joseph's in Newport, and although at short notice, the turnout was great.

Both fighters put in a hard sparing session which left the crowd roaring and cheering.

After two pads sessions with their trainer Tony, the lads turned round for photos and to

sign autographs for the young and old fans in attendance.

Both fighters are in training for upcoming fights, with Lee's being on September 22 in Belfast against the very experienced and durable Martin Lindsay, which will be live on Sky television.

Mathew Lock

Players wanted

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College get shorty with the Blues!



Lee Halfpenny, CAVC vice principal for curriculum delivery, Kay Martin, Sam Warburton and Lloyd Williams.

CARDIFF and Vale College, Barry, has struck a partnership which will see their logo on the front of the Cardiff Blues team shorts for the 2012/2013 season.

Speaking at the announcement of the sponsorship deal, vice principal for curriculum, Kay Martin said: "Cardiff and Vale College has a long and proud legacy of sporting achievement. We are extremely happy to be a sponsor of Cardiff Blues, and we are sure that through this sponsorship the college will gain a much wider audience across Wales and the region."

Porthcawl open their season with a bit of a bang!



David James. Photos by TRACEY WILLIAMS

P O R T H C A W L
RFC got the new season under way with a convincing win against Rhondda visitors Ferndale.

The opening exchanges were short on quality rugby as both sides sought to find some kind of pattern and mistakes were plentiful.

The Seaweeds suffered an early blow when great prospect at No8, Tristan Trehan, left the field with a bad facial cut, off to hospital for repairs.

They took the lead, however, when a decent bout of handling by the home backs gave left winger Dai James a stroll over at the corner for a good try.

Ferndale pulled back a penalty by Steve Jones before skipper Matthew Owen slotted a penalty for offside to give Porthcawl an 8-3 lead.

With half-time approaching, Jones slotted his second penalty for a Porthcawl infringement at 8-6 and, at the break, the slender lead was poor reward for the home efforts.

However, player-coach Mathew Roberts' half-time pep talk seemed to do the trick with Porthcawl starting to take a grip on proceedings. Richard Hnyda, Nick Nutman and Lloyd Long posed problems for

P O R T H C A W L R F C 31
F E R N D A L E R F C 13



Richard Hnyda with the ball.

Ferndale upfront with some storming runs, and the visitors fell foul of the whistle at crucial moments. Owen happily slotted two further penalties in quick succession for a 14-6 lead.

A startling run by right wing Rhys Jones saw him bemuse the Ferndale defence, as he notched up a super try for 19-6.

Centre Gareth Richards then profited from some outstanding interplay between forwards and backs to stride clear for a great try that Owen improved for 26-6, before some slack home

defence at the other end allowed Ferndale a chink of light as they grabbed a soft try by Meadows, converted by Jones.

That blip aside, it was all Porthcawl in the closing minutes, and despite several chances where the final pass went astray, Gareth Richards again saw his chance to sell a sublime dummy and carve his way over for another unconverted try to make it 31-13 at the end.

Porthcawl's young pack did well and Jamie Fry and Gavin Williams were tremendous workers in the tight, while Gareth Edwards' crisp service at scrum-half ensured a high tempo.

Porthcawl travel to old foes Rhigos on Saturday. TW

Great finals weekend at the Rhoose Bowling Club

ON Saturday, September 1, Rhoose Bowling Club held its Club Competitions Finals Day.

The day began with the men's four bowl competition. This was between father and son Les Parsons Jr and Darren Parsons. On this occasion, Darren was completely outplayed by his father, who won by 21 shots to four.

At the same time, the ladies' two bowl singles between Jo Hopkins and Rita Craig was being played. Rita built up an early lead but Jo cut back the deficit.

By the ninth end, Rita only led by eight shots to six. However, she further increased this lead to eventually win by 14 shots to eight.

The next final was the mixed pairs. Sue Dance and Hugh Jupp faced Mike White and Rita Craig. Sue and Hugh built up a convincing lead by winning the first seven ends.

On the next end, Rita and Mike finally secured one shot to get on the scoreboard.

Unfazed, Sue and Hugh continued to add to their score and despite Rita and Mike

scoring eight more shots, ran out winners by 19 shots to 9.

After a short break, Hugh was in action again with his partner Les Parsons Jr in the men's pairs. Their opponents were Brian Shears and Lyn Willmot.

After the first 10 ends the score was level at nine shots each. From this point, Les and Hugh took control of the match, eventually winning by 34 shots to 12.

In the ladies' four bowl singles, Sue Dance and Rita Craig were again in action. Sue built up a slim lead, but by the sixth end Rita had levelled the score.

On the 12th end, Rita led by nine shots to eight. However, Sue only managed to win two of the next six ends, allowing Rita to win by 21 shots to 12.

The men's two bowl singles was being played at the same time between Geoff Lages and Mike White.

This proved to be the closest and most exciting match of the day.

After being level on the eighth end, each player took it in turns to secure the lead. On the 16th end Mike led by 12 shots to nine, only for Geoff to level the score on the 18th and final end. An extra end was duly played, with Mike securing one shot to win.

On Sunday September 2, the final match was played. This was the ladies' pairs between Rita Craig and Mary Thomas, and Sue Dance and Anita Shears.

From the start, Mary and Rita built up a steady lead, and led by 19 shots to eight on the 12th end. Despite Sue and Anita scoring another seven shots, they still lost by 21 shots to 15.

On the Saturday after the final match, members enjoyed a barbecue provided by club president Bert Ewers and Ron Evans.

Brian Lee

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MOTORING WITH TIM SAUNDERS

'I was swayed over to white' by Renault Mégane

I'VE never really been a fan of white cars because they look bland and quickly get dirty – but when I took delivery of the Renault Mégane Hatch GT Line finished in striking glacier white, I was swayed.



The Renault Mégane Hatch looks great in white.

On driving the five-door hatchback, other motorists keep a respectful distance. And then the penny drops, they must think it is a police car and, perhaps because I am wearing a blue shirt, it makes them think twice.

It really is strange though, no undertaking, cutting me up or taking me on in the way that many motorists love to do when they see a new car on the road.

The third generation Mégane is a capable family hatchback, targeting the Ford Focus and Vauxhall Astra. In comparison to the competition it does have character, albeit in a clinical French sort of way.

Build quality is strong and the black interior – a combination of cloth seats and black plastic – does the job well as you can see by my video at testdrives.biz.

There's plenty of room in the back. And there's a TomTom sat nav fitted as standard for those geographically challenged motorists such as myself.

Its six speed manual gearbox is a pleasure to use, but the vehicle feels as if it is a 1.6 rather than a plucky 2-litre – I've had to check the spec three times to be certain.

Renault has done away with the traditional handbrake – replacing it with a switch, in common with many other manufacturers.

That's all very well, but hill starts always bother me in these cars as faffing about with the handbrake switch is not as quick as a standard handbrake and I always get confused whether I should push it down or pull it up – although I shouldn't as it is very simple. What does this say about me?

Then there's the time it takes to engage and disengage. If the handbrake switch isn't used the driver has to be quick with the clutch and accelerator or risk rolling back into the inevitable vehicle behind.

Equipped with a simple to use cruise control,

this petrol Mégane returns over 50mpg or more than 500 miles on a tank. The trouble with the cruise control is that it only works reliably on the flat.

I set it to 29mph going down a hill with a speed camera at the bottom and it actually reaches 41mph before I have to intervene.

It doesn't cut through the wind as well as some cars do – admittedly it is tested on a particularly windy day.

Parkers, the car experts, say: "Renault caused a real stir when it launched the 2002 Mégane with its angular styling and distinctive rear. This new Renault Mégane is a huge improvement in terms of interior quality, ride and handling, but sadly it lacks the same styling flair and looks conventional as a result."

"The good news is that it is far better to drive, thanks to an advanced steering system, plus there's more room inside. The new Mégane is now 8kg lighter than its predecessor, even though it's 10cm longer."

Aerodynamics have been improved and, as a result, CO2 emissions have been reduced by between two and 10g/km, while fuel economy has improved by between 0.9 and 4.2 mpg.

"Around 12 per cent of the plastics used in the Mégane's construction – an average of 22kg – are sourced from recycled materials."

"The Mégane also has a fully galvanised engine sub-frame and wax-injected hollow sections, which means all models are sold with a 12-year anti-corrosion warranty."

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Change of time for the Beavers

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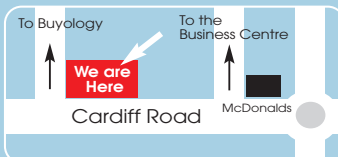


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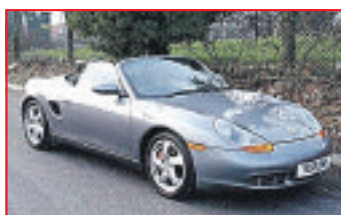
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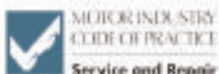
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GEM sport

Late rally is not quite enough as Cowbridge lose away from home

COWBRIDGE RFC started the season with an away trip to the picturesque setting of Pontycymer, where despite an exciting late rally, they lost 15-10.

It was good to see former Cowbridge school maths teacher Alan Hampton up at Pontycymer, and good support for Cowbridge meant there was plenty of encouragement for the team.

The first half saw both teams locking horns with good driving play by Pontycymer and excellent defence by Cowbridge. Within minutes of the start, scrum half Richie Howson pulled off an excellent tackle to prevent Pontycymer's lively outside centre scoring down the left wing.

On six minutes, a drop

kick by outside half Carwyn Morgan hit the post.

Pontycymer had a very big front row, possibly half the weight again of their opposite numbers, but Jon Phillips, Rhys Price and Dai Breed stuck to their task and got around the field in the loose.

By the 30-minute mark, Pontycymer had missed two penalties and, five minutes later, the usually reliable Morgan showed he had left his kicking boots in the changing room.

Second row debutant Ben Smith competed well in the lineout with partner Alex Lewis, but overall the set piece proved to be a hard day at the office.

The bright spots were that on the counter attack Cowbridge were near sensational. On the 35-minute mark, for deliberate

offside, Pontycymer's prop and

captain received a yellow card.

Jamie Brock was showing up very well in the centre and Morgan was setting his backs up with centre and captain Huw Lougher, and wings Elia Pellegrotti and Liam Rowlands all making penetrating runs.

Morgan missed a penalty just before half-time, but Cowbridge's hearts had a flutter when the referee had to rule out a Ponty penalty that went wide, but which the linesmen appeared to have given.

Half time score: 0-0.

Alun John came into the front row for the injured Dai Breed for the second half. Ponty changed their outside half and this was to prove a big factor, as within minutes of the restart he made a break and No8 Ross Llewellyn was ruled to have shoulder charged him and received a yellow card.

Ponty kicked the penalty to touch, and from the lineout, drove their hooker over for an unconverted try.

The back row of Rhys Jones and Luke Boys had to work even harder and three successive tackles by Boys epitomised the defensive effort.

From a scrum, Ponty drove Cowbridge back towards their line and the referee ruled a deliberate infringement and awarded a penalty try, which their outside half converted.

Cowbridge pressed and at the midpoint, No8 Llewellyn seemed to have taken the wrong option in kicking through a ball on the ground, but the Ponty right wing couldn't gather it and Brock dabbed down a just reward for his performance for an unconverted try.

Minutes later, for hands in the ruck, Ponty extended their lead to 15-5 - was it all over?

Cowbridge weathered huge pressure in the last eight minutes, but cleared their lines with great running from defence.

They were lucky when a penalty for being on the wrong side of a ruck moved a further 10 metres for dissent, but the kick went wide.

Now it was all-out attack and Cowbridge ran the ball from deep and Brock fed wing Rowlands, his break upfield was supported by Kyle Jones and Lennie Tudor and lively Matt Pound took it on to score a superb 70-metre try.

Despite the last minutes being all Cowbridge, Ponty held on for the 15-10 win.

There were great debuts for Brock, Smith, Kyle Jones and Tudor. The pack will have to think about their tactics for the upcoming games, and the team will have to be alert to every chance and take them. Fitness will be key. But overall, a decent start with plenty to work on.

This Saturday, the firsts take on Taffs Well at home, kick off 2.30pm.

Hard luck for Seconds

THE Seconds had their game called off late by UWIC, but we hope to have them in action soon.

The youth took on Cardiff HSOB and had a good work out before losing 25-5.

All available players are needed this Saturday. RV

Vale golfers triumph on Pontypridd course

IT was so close for Richard Jones and James Hunt in the final of the Welsh Golf Foundation adult/junior event at Pontypridd Golf Club.

With a three-birdie blitz in the first nine holes, the rumbles were heard all around the course.

However, the last nine holes were not as exceptional as the first and, with 32 points in the bag, they just missed on countback. Still, a great result on a very tough course. The Vale were the winners.

Also, well done to Lewis Thomas who came to watch, and, as numbers altered, was invited to play. He put in a good performance, carrying Dan Thomas up and down the steep mountains of Pontypridd.

A great day enjoyed by all. Many thanks to John Collins, Teg Bevan and everyone from Pontypridd Golf Club.

Dan Thomas



James Hunt and Richard Jones with their Pontypridd pairing.



Dan Thomas and Lewis Thomas with Welsh Boys international Daniel Pickering and volunteer of the year and Pontypridd junior leader Ian Pickering.

LADY BOWLERS CLINCH THE SHIELD

WELL DONE to Cowbridge Lady Bowlers on winning the Cowbridge Challenge Shield!

Needing to beat Pencoe Ladies at home in their last match of the competition, they won 67-27, winning on all three rinks to gain 10 valuable points.

Skip Shirley Wilkinson, Lynda Wilson, May Jones and Dorothy Pritchard won 27-8.

Skip Pat Holdsworth, Joy Woolford, Glenys Davies and Diane Purnell won 20-8.

Skip Helena Snelling, Joan Bradley, Phyllis Price and Mary Thomas

won 20-11.

In our finals weekend, the two woods competition, played Saturday morning between Roger Barwick and Helena Snelling, was won by Roger, 21-7.

In the afternoon, the mixed and ladies' pairs were played. Judy Springett and Len Taylor played against Kay Edwards and Ron Woolford, beating them 17-12. The ladies' pairs was a very close game, and after playing 21 ends the score was 15-15. An extra end had to be played to decide the winners.

Janet Morton and Shirley Wilkinson

picked up two shots to beat Lin Wallace and Joan Bradley 17-15.

Sunday morning in the men's pairs, Gerry Lloyd and Dennis Snelling beat Ron Frayling and Mansel Thomas in another thrilling match, winning on the last end 19-18.

Playing for the Millennium Plate, Kay Edwards was losing to Ron Woolford 8-16, but then Kay came back to win 21-17.

Sunday afternoon is always the two "big ones" to find the ladies' and men's champion bowlers. In the ladies' final, Sue Flower was losing to Shirley Wilkinson 12-18 but she fought back and finally won the match 21-18. The men's final between Roger Barwick and Len Taylor was won by Roger, 21-10.

It was a great weekend of bowling, supported by many club members, who enjoyed welcome cups of tea and cakes as they watched the matches.

Today (Thursday), Pat Holdsworth holds her ladies' captain's day when her team plays against her vice-captain Lynda Wilson's team, followed by a tea, to which all lady members are invited.

NJW

Llantwit Major earn a bonus point win

PLAYING up the slope into a strong diagonal wind, Llantwit got off to a fantastic start against Penrygraig with a brilliant individual try from winger Rhys Balmont.

He ventured infield to make a pass from flanker Rob Carter on his own 10-metre line, before setting off on an arcing run to score in the Bowls club corner.

Chris Fowler converted with an equally impressive kick.

After 10 minutes of play, the visitors

reduced the deficit with a fine long-range penalty and, shortly after, looked certain to score in the corner, but Llantwit defenders Gareth Burnett, Emyr Rees and Marcus Pearce managed to get across and dislodge the ball as it was being grounded.

Penrygraig had to settle for a second penalty to make it 7-6 midway through the half, but Fowler put full-back Pearce in near the posts for an unconverted try.

On the half hour, Penrygraig took the lead with a converted try from their No8 after a quick tap penalty, and on the stroke of half-

time the same player crossed again.

Little errors caused by rustiness (Llantwit only had one pre-season warm up game) and the tricky wind saw Penrygraig hold out until Fowler kicked a penalty 15 minutes into the second half to put his side back in touch at 15-20.

With some excellent lineout play and good short drives Penrygraig gained a foothold in the Llantwit 22, and 12 minutes from time, increased their lead again with a penalty.

With time running out, second row Dan Daw scored what many believed was a consolation try, which Fowler converted to make it 22-23.

From the restart, Fowler was given an opportunity with a rather hopeful 60-metre

penalty attempt that wasn't far adrift.

From the resultant drop out in the second minute of injury time, Spencer Sutton claimed a touchdown with Fowler adding the extras.

There was still time for another restart with Llantwit securing possession and kicking long downfield to force a close-range lineout and, amazingly, in the eighth minute of time added on, Carter also got on the score sheet after a catch and drive at the lineout.

Fowler duly converted with the last kick of the match.

David Griffiths

Louis Ludwig lands gamble

LOUIS LUDWIG, trained at Aberthin by Tim Vaughan, and ridden by his 7lb claiming jockey Matthew Barber, landed a gamble in the amateur riders' handicap hurdle race at Stratford last Thursday.

Backed from 12-1 to 3-1 favourite, the seven-year-old won by 24 lengths from Crazy Bold.

BRIAN LEE

Cowbridge Town set for Cup debut

COWBRIDGE Town FC will be playing their first match in the FAW Trophy this weekend after gaining entry for the first time.

Their debut in the tournament follows promotion to the VOGAFL Premier League last season.

The match is on The Bear Field, Cowbridge Leisure Centre at 2pm, where Cowbridge will take on Swansea-based outfit Kingsbridge Colts.

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